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U.S. Finding On Rights in China Raises The Pressure

Beijing Falls 'Far Short' Of Norms, Study Says as Trade Status Is Weighed

By John M. Goshko Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — China took some "positive steps" to curb repressive practices during 1993, but its overall record of respect for harden and the control of the man rights "fell far short of internationally accepted norms," the State Department said Tuesday in its annual report on imman rights around the world.

Of the reports on more than 150 countries that Congress requires the department to make each year, China has come in for special attention because President Bill Clinton must decide by June whether to recommend renewal of the most-favored-nation status that gives Beijing

low-tariff access to U.S. markets.

John Shattuck, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, noted. that the reports were not linked to specific questions of trade and that it was up to the president to decide what weight to give to man-rights considerations

But, he added, "the report shows that during 1993 China had a continued climate of repression, a pattern of abuse in its prisons, difficulties for dissenters and particular repression in Tibet," a neighboring state that was forcibly incorporated into China.

The report said that the Chinese government "continued to repress domestic critics and failed to control abuses by its own security forces." It added that despite the release of some political prisoners, "hundreds perhaps thousands" remain in prison or labor camps where they are denied legal safeguards and subject to torture and other abuses.

The State Department counseler, Tmothy E.

Wirth, who joined Mr. Shattuck in making the reports public, said he thought that the im-

in part because of U.S. prodding.

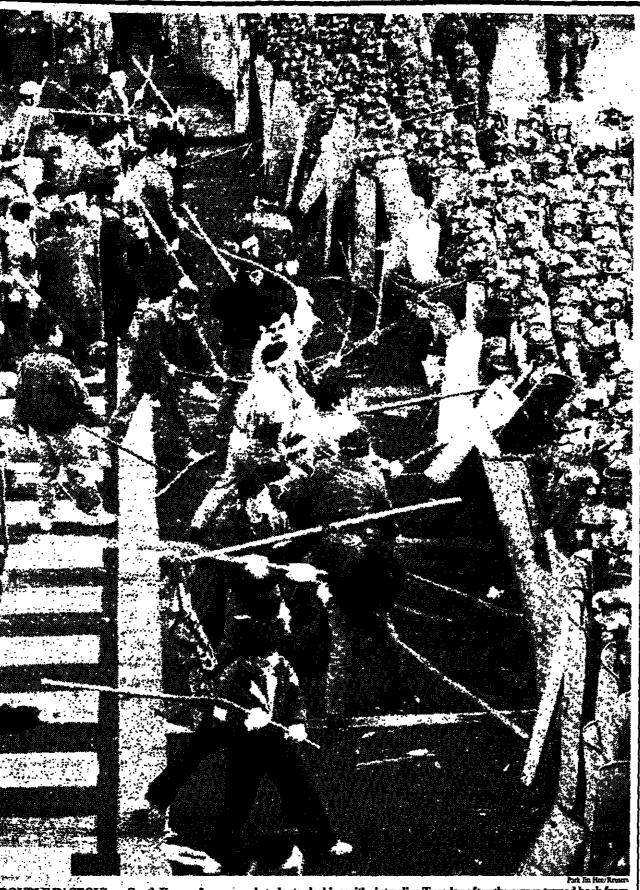
Mr. Shattuck said that during 1993 the imman-rights picture was brightened by dramatic first steps toward reconciliation of longstanding conflicts in Israeli-occupied territories, South Africa, Cambodia and El Sal-vador. But, he said, "ethnic, racial and religious armed conflicts" caused widespread abuses inter-

in addition to countries that ture become for abuses repeatedly since the reports begon in 1977, the newest versions contained some slaps at governments that had been treated relatively gently in the past because of their traditional ties of Iriendship with the United States.

Among them was Mexico, where Indians in the southeastern state of Chiapas staged an armed uprising on New Year's Day to protest governmental neglect and abases. The report noted the Chiapas situation only briefly, since it occurred after the 1993 calendar year. But it said that in 1993 there continued to be widespread human rights abuses in Mexico, "including extrajudicial killings by the police, torture illegal arrests, glaring prison deficiencies and extensive illegal child labor."

The report on Saudi Arabia also had some tough things to say about America's principal ally in the Gulf. It said "human rights continned to be pervasively abused" through torture, incommunicado detentions, severe restrictions on freedom of speech, press, peaceful assembly and religion, as well as denial of political rights.

Russia continued to improve its respect for human rights, that country report said, but there were setbacks caused by the violent confliet in October between President Bonis N. Yeltsin's government and his opponents in parliament. Freedom of speech, assembly and religion were generally respected, although in some. places observance of these rights was uneven.



TROUBLE IN SEOUL.—South Korean farmers and students clashing with riot police Tuesday after they were turned back from marching on the U.S. Embassy. The protesters were demanding that the government veto a bill that would allow importation of rice.

U.S. Politics Serves the Sinn Fein Cause

By R. W. Apple Jr.
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Both the U.S. Embassy in London and the State Department recommended that Gerry Adams be denied a visa, but President Bill Clinton decided to admit the Irish republican leader to the United States vay, largely for domestic political reasons, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

In announcing the decision Sunday, the White House said that Mr. Adams, who heads Sinn Fein, the political arm of the Irish Repub-Sum rem, the pointest arm of the first kepto-lican Army, had made encouraging remarks about renouncing violence at a meeting Friday morning with U.S. diplomats in Belfast. But British and American diplomats familiar with the results of the meeting heatedly dispute this, asserting that Mr. Adams merely repeated old,

A White House official confirmed that Mr. Clinton had made the decision personally and conceded that he had been influenced in part by the fact that Senators Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, among others, strongly lobbied for the admission of Mr. Adams. He arrived in New York City on Monday for a conference on

Northern Ireland. Mr. Moynihan and Mr. Kennedy, both Irish-Americans and both liberal Democrats, are chairmen of major Senate committees whose cooperation is essential to the passage of the president's health care and welfare reform pro-

The president obviously gets a political divi-dend by accommodating Pat and Teddy on

ambiguous formulations in answer to specific this," a White House tactician said. "But he questions. also thought that this was a risk worth taking on its own merits, because it just might help the peace process in Northern Ireland. The only downside is that it obviously ticks off the Brits, but that is equally obviously acceptable to a lot

Many of Mr. Clinton's backers and aides were infuriated during the 1992 campaign when the Conservative Party of Prime Minister John Major tried to help former President George Bush win re-election. That wound has not

But the administration adopted a conciliatory tone Tuesday. After Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, met here with Vice President Al Gore, the White House issued a

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It's Lend More, Spend Less

IMF Won't Ease Up On Terms for Russia

Head of Agency Rejects Criticism That Tough Rules Aid Nationalists

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON - The head of the International Monetary Fund rejected criticism Tuesday that the lending agency's harsh terms contributed to the rise of ultranationalists in Russia and said the IMF would not relax its conditions for releasing more assistance to the former Soviet republic.

IMF requirements to control inflation and

restrain the budget deficit are necessary first steps to put Russia on a path toward rising living standards, said Michel Camdessus, the

IMF managing director.

"We consider it vital to speed up the stabilization and reform process to create the necessary preconditions for sustained growth and improved living standards," he said. "We all

The IMF is being made a "scapegoat," its managing director asserts. Page 9.

know that without adequately strong monetary and budgetary policies, no efforts to reduce inflation and stabilize the ruble will be success-

Mr. Camdessus' comments came as an IMF team started discussions in Russia with President Boris N. Yeltsin's new economic team. He said those talks, aimed at unlocking \$1.5 billion in IMF funds, "may not be easy." Mr. Camdessus said the IMF team was will-

ing to listen to any new suggestions the Russians might have to offer on how to accomplish the goals of restraining the budget deficit and

But, he added, "in view of the magnitude of the problems to be addressed and of the approach of the government in a number of areas, t may not be easy for our mission and the Russian negotiating team to reach agreement on a suitable program."

The IMF team's visit had been explicitly

requested by Mr. Yeltsin, who wants to stress his intention of carrying on with economic reforms, despite a recasting of his economic

The government's new approach has brought violent criticism and fears of an inflationary spiral or even hyperinflation in Russia. Last summer, the IMF approved an initial

\$1.5-billion assistance package from a new program that allowed IMF support to flow with fewer strings attached. But another \$1.5 billion earmarked for Moscow by the end of the year was never released because Russia's economic reforms faltered.

The IMF had been pushing for cuts in the budget deficit and a tighter monetary policy in order to get inflation down to 8 percent on an annualized basis by the final quarter of the

Inflation was running at a 16-percent annual rate during this period, however, and IMF officials said Tuesday they believed inflation was even higher during the first part of January.

running at possibly an 18 percent annual rate.

Mr. Camdessus said the IMF would not object if the United States and other individual donor countries continued supplying bilateral assistance to Russia, but to maintain its credibility, the IMF had to insist on Russia meeting

tough economic conditions.

He said that of \$55 billion in aid packages announced over the last two years by the Group of Seven industrialized countries, \$38 billion has been delivered, primarily in bilateral assistance.

Now Opening Across Russia: **New Paradise** For Workers

By Fred Hiatt

Washington Post Service MOSCOW - They leave their families behind and live in cramped dormitories for months on end. Attracted by a stable economy and a valuable local currency, they come to work, taking jobs the locals no longer want.

These "guest workers" are not Russians traveling to Poland or Germany, but Ukrainians and Belarussians coming to Russia - hundreds of thousands of them in recent months. The economy that attracts them is Russia's, and the currency

they want is the much maligned ruble.

To Westerners used to thinking of the Russian economy as chaos sliding toward catastrophe, the growing presence of for-eign workers at this nation's coal mines, construction sites and bus depots may be surprising. Even many Russians seem be-mused by the influx of so many of their Slavic neighbors.

On the most basic level, the phenomenon shows clearly that no matter how bad things are in Russia, they are much worse in many other parts of the former Soviet Union. The number of such workers is growing so fast that President Boris N. Yeltsin issued a decree last month designed to prevent their exploitation.

But the phenomenon also illustrates the peculiar nature of Russian reform, now at a critical innerure. The tuble is relatively attractive because key reformist officials - who left the government last week in the face of reactionary opposition - managed last year to keep inflation manage-able.

ability of jobs testifies to the reformers' failure to bring fundamental change to Russia's inefficient economy. Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin and his reform-wary supporters -- now in unquestioned control of the government - have managed to keep virtually every one of the country's improfitable factories and farms affoat with cheap credits, a practice critics say blocks long-term investment in new businesses and promotes hyperinflation.

"I wish that unemployment wasn't a symbol of success," said Judith Shapiro, an economist here who studies the job market. "But without people losing jobs. we know we haven't gotten very far," she added, in dismantling the old Soviet-style command economy.

Boris G. Fyodorov, a free-market advocate who quit his post as finance minister See WORKERS, Page 4

At Reborn European Bank

Midshipmen Who Lied and Cheated: What Went Wrong?

By Fern Shen ngsou Past Service

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ANNAPOLIS, Maryland -- It was a dismal week, capping a dismal year at the U.S Naval Academy. After a string of tragedies — the deaths of graduates in a murder-suicide and of midshipmen in car accidents - the school now is devestated by its own failure.

A report made public last week described the worst cheating scandal in the elite school's 149year history. No one, from the greenest plebe to. the highest brass, came away unscathed by the chronicle of lying and cover-up that made a mockery of the academy's sacred Honor Concept: "Midshipmen do not lie, cheat or steal."
It leaves me sad," said Richard L. Armitage,
a former State Department official and 1967 academy graduate. "It's a depressed feeling. Even the weather over there adds to it. It's

gloomy. "Many of us who have been in the Defense Department hierarchy feel like we let down the home team a little bit by not trying harder over the years to preserve the shrine of our honor. said Mr. Armitage, who serves on the civilian Board of Visitors, which oversees the academy. After the report, parents flooded the school with phone calls, trying to determine whether their children would be expelled. The academy's superintendent, Rear Admiral Thomas C. Lynch, singled out for criticism in the report, would not give interviews. And midshipmen, under strict orders to avoid the press, would say only that the whole affair had left them emo-

"Since last spring, the morale around here has been the worst I've ever seen it," said a professor who has taught at the academy for more than a decade. Now, he said, with the seniors waiting to see if they'll be expelled, "it's like a funeral.

The academy, which produced former Presi

is also, according to the navy inspector general's report, the academy where 133 students cheated on the tough electrical engineering exam in 1992. Later, many of them steadfastly lied and colluded to cover up their involvement,

What's more, the report says top officials mishandled the investigation and fostered a widespread impression of favoritism toward football players who cheated.

As copies of the report filtered into the academy's small, walled campus here, finger-point-See ACADEMY, Page 4

International Herald Tribune LONDON -- The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, assailed last year for spending huge sums to fix up its London headquarters instead of making loans to Eastern Europe, has quietly changed its

By Erik Ipsen

"The deals are coming thick and fast now," said Andrew Reicher, head of CS First Boston's office in Prague. "There seems to be a new imperative to get things done."

Three years after its founding and four months after its new president, the veteran banker Jacques de Larosière, took the helm, the bank has managed an impressive turnaround. In 1993 the European Bank, which was set up to spur the economies of Eastern Europe and the

former Soviet Union, approved 156 new loans and investments in the region, nearly three times as many as in the previous year.

Last year's commitments totaled 3.76 billion European Currency Units (\$4.2 billion). Actual disbursements of cash in 1993 came to a more modest 550 million Ecus. But although that figure stood slightly short of the bank's internal targets, it still towers above the paltry 130 million Ecus disbursed in the previous year.

"The people we deal with there say they feel they are being watched more, that they need to do two or three deals a year," said a senior merchant banker in London, who asked not to be identified. He contrasted that state of affairs with the old days when the bank was run by Jacques Atjali. Then, the banker insisted, Euro-

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Terrorists in Algiers Kill a French Journalist

trict of Algiers on Tuesday and the French dent a terrorist attack. (Page 2)

Harding Implicated in Attack Tonya Harding's former husband admitted to a role in the attack on the skater

Nancy Kerrigan. His lawyer said Harding

was involved in the conspiracy. (Page 17)

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Two foreign journalists, a Frenchman and man later died of his wounds, the Algerian an Australian, were shot in the Casbah dis-

New Offers for Paramount

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Kohl and Clinton Find Food for Thought in Capital

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Helmut Kohl is clearly not a man to

take a bint. When President Bill Clinton saw the German chancellor in Brussels a few weeks ago, he observed that Mr. Kohl reminded

him of a sume wrestler. Diplomatic relations between nations have been ruptured for less. But while many Germans considered the remark an insult, the jovial Mr. Kohl preferred to take it as a sign that the president, who also likes to eat, was trying to bond with him. (At least, that is the spin Kohl advisers put on the story.)

So rather than throwing down the gauntlet, Mr. Kohl threw down the giblet, making a date with Mr. Clinton to chow down together at a Georgetown restaurant best known for its giant portions. The German ambassador to the United States, Immo Stabreit, tried to put a patina of diplomacy on Monday's visit, telling reporters that Mr. Kohl and Mr. Clinton needed to get

a chance to talk in private. But high on the agenda for the two largest leaders of large countries was food. (After all, Mr. Kohl does not have much time before his annual Lenten diet begins.)

together again so soon after Brussels because they had not had

Mr. Kohl did not want to trifle with White House cuisine. He took the president to lunch at his favorite Italian restaurant, Filomena's, which he had plugged during his March visit, explaining to Mr. Chinton that he found it easier to fall asleep after eating a big dinner.

The German reporters camped outside the restaurant understood that this was pasta diplomacy.

"They are both great big food lovers, there's no doubt about that," said Werner Some, of German television. "You only have to look at Kohl to know he likes to eat. And President Clinton obviously is also a food lover.

"It all looks good," Mr. Clinton said. When he was told by Joanna Filomena Chiacchieri, one of the owners, that the "pasta mamas," as the traditional pasta makers are called, were excited by the visit, Mr. Clinton replied, "I want some of their

The two leaders, whose combined weight approaches 500 pounds, sat at a table in the back of the restaurant beneath a chandelier of glass grape clusters, surrounded by hanging pasta

strands and loaves of bread. "There's no spa cuisine here," bragged the chef, Vito Piazza. "Our motto is abbondanza." The men started with some 1988 Brunello di Montalcino (a

full-bodied red wine, naturally) and some favorite dishes of Mr. Kohl's. The chancellor has been coming to Filomena's for They had not and cold antipasti. fried calamari - without

garlic, "for social reasons," a Kohl aide confided - and ravioli stuffed with yeal, cheese and spinach and topped with marin-

"Chancellor Kohl likes his ravioli in a bread bowl," explained Mrs. Chiacchieri, adding that the bowl is edible. The president also had a Tuscan soup with white beans, tomato and spinach. They both had cappuctino and a dessert of zubaglione

They did not eat any of the German chocolate cake, which Mrs. Chiacchieri had named "The President Clinton cake." But Mr. Clinton's personal aide, Andrew Friendly, was seen leaving the restaurant with two huge cake boxes, so there may have been some munching once the leaders were safely behind the tinted glass of their limousine

Some members of the German and American entourages at the table had a hard time keeping up with their bosses. Asked how the lunch was, one of the American officials present eplied, "The chancellor and President Clinton have much bigger appetites than I have."

New York Times Service

KATLEHONG, South Africa - A stranger blundering into the Ramokonopi section of Katlehong township between dusk and 2 A.M. may encounter a lithe young black man in denim shorts and a spotless

Except for the assault rifle half-hidden under his. windbreaker and the intense look of calculation - he is wondering whether to kill this intruder - he could be the law student he once aspired to be. Aged 26, he has a clean-cut, collegiate look, and an unflinching self-assurance about his cause.

"Tve never killed anyone who was innocent," he said, smiling "I would say, these people killed them-selves, by coming here. They kill themselves. I don't

In Katlehong, an urban combat zone east of Johannesburg, he is one of the most respected leaders of the urban vigilantes who style themselves "self-defense units." To some township residents, he is black South Africa's guardian angel; to many others he is a Fran-kenstein monster of liberation that endangers its

Although he supports the African National Con-

Shots Disrupt Celebration

Of Revolution Date in Iran

TEHRAN - A man fired shots outside the shrine of Ayatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini in Tehran on Tuesday as Iran's head of state gave a speech marking the start of the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The official Iranian press agency, IRNA, said shots were fired into the air by a man with a pistol who was then seized by the crowd. The

man later told interrogators that he wanted only to spoil the

President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, 59, resumed after a short break his speech marking the return from exile in 1979 of the father

"Hashemi, Hashemi, you are the apple of our eyes," chanted the

Croats Intervened

In Bosnia, UN Says

have pressed a successful campaign

against positions of Bosnian Croats

The United Nations has imposed

harsh sanctions on Serbia for back-

ing the Bosnian Serbs with troops

and heavy weaponry. During a visit to Croatia last month, the U.S. rep-

resentative to the United Nations,

Madeleine K. Albright, warned

that Croatia might also face sanc-

tions if it intervened with troops in

reluctant to consider new sanctions

because they want to focus their

efforts instead on bringing the par-

Mr. Butros Ghali also issued a

call to Europe and the United

States to continue to support the

tortuous peace negotiations, and expressed his opposition to lifting

■ Serbs Shell Tuzia Airport

shelled the perimeter of the Tuzla

airport in northern Bosnia-Herze-

govina, which the United Nations

wants to reopen to handle humani-

tarian flights, Agence France-Presse reported from Tuzla, quot-

ing a Swedish officer of the UN

chief of general staff of a Scandina-

vian battalion deployed in the

Tuzla area, said that "grenades fell

4:30 P.M. by Serbian forces sur-

rounding Tuzla, officers at the bat-

talion beadquarters said. One fell

less than a kilometer from the run-

There were no casualties.

Nine shells were fired at about

in and outside the airport area."

Lieutenant Colonel Alf Grsj, the

Serbian gunners on Tuesday

ties to agree to end the war.

the UN arms embargo.

But many Council nations are

in central Bosnia.

celebrations, IRNA said

By Julia Preston

York — Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali said Monday that

UN officials had confirmed to the

Security Council that Croatia sent

as many as 5,000 troops armed with

heavy artillery and rocket-launchers to fight on the side of the Croats

the council late Monday, a senior UN official said there were three

Croatian brigades, numbering

3,000 to 5,000 soldiers, in Bosnia-

observed troops drawn from six different Croatia-based brigades as

well as special police units operat-

ing in support of the militias made

the Croatian forces were equipped with heavy artillery and multiple

servers had not seen any battle

tanks. In recent days, the United

Nations has observed four military

helicopter flights from Croatia into

the Security Council about how to deal with this new element," Mr.

Butros Ghali said at a press confer-

ence. He said the UN reports did

not say whether the Croatian forces

were regular army or volunteers.

The Zagreb government has assert-

ed that all the Croatians fighting in

Bosnia are there on their own ini-

While Croatian troops have been

observed for many months in Bos-

nia, the heavy weapons have come in recently as Bosnia Muslim forces

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He said that UN officials had

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In a report to a closed meeting of

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gress, the warnor says that neither Nelson Mandela held a job, and for the last two years has slept in it, and they express a general disdain for leaders who nor anyone else will wish him off the streets, not hideouts.

before and not after elections in April. 'I won't allow them to disarm me," he said. "We can't expect that after 27 April everything is going to be normal, we're all going to get jobs and like that. We can't expect that those who are killing the people will listen to the new government."

The self-defense units originated in the mid-1980s as a kind of South African uprising against white police officers and soldiers who bedeviled the black townships. They coalesced into more formal militias in 1990, when the townships around Johannesburg erupted in conflict between the African National Con-gress and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party. They are organized block by block, with probably

hundreds of lighters in the lethal eight-kilometer (fivemile) radius centered on Katlehong. For every fighter there are many others who serve as unarmed helpers. hoisting boulders to barricade streets or digging trenches to ambush police vehicles. Financed by tithes from every household, they buy

black-market guns and ammunition that flow from Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

The Ramokonopi vigilante dropped out of school four years ago to enlist in the street war. He has never

The targets of the patrols are, first, the mainly white police of the hated Internal Stability Unit and, second, anyone suspected of being Inkatha.

Ramokonopi borders on Mazibuko Hostel, an Inkatha stronghold. To eliminate Inkatha havens in the neighborhood, the vigilantes have forced families susperted of Inkatha sympathies to evacuate their houses. A strange car or pedestrian entering the neighborhood will be stopped and searched at gunpoint. If the vigilantes are not satisfied, they will kill a suspect on

"It is bad to kill somebody, but it is easy to pull the trigger," he said. "I don't have any shame for the white police. I kill 10 of them and feel nothing. I only feel for a black person, and if he is Inkatha I do not feel very

Often after the vigilantes have wounded or killed a suspected inkatha trespasser, their entourage will set the suspect on fire, a way of extending the insult to the victim's family and comrades by denying them a last look at his face.

Although most Katlehong militia members support the African National Congress, they do not answer to

MOGADISHU LESSON — Orphaned Somali girls in class at an Islamic school in Mogadishu, where fundamentalism is rising.

Algiers Terrorists Kill French Journalist

stronghold of Muslim fundamentalists. They

Sources said the journalists were shot by two or three gunner who subsequently fled. There

was no immediate claim of responsibility for

The authorities have blamed armed Islamic

activists for attacks on Algerian intellectuals

and foreigners seen as collaborating with the

regime. Mr. Ouenemeur was the 27th foreigner

Mandela told a cheering crowd of ANC sup-porters in a community hall. Since July, nearly 1,300 people have been slaughtered in this and

neighboring townships.
The plan was denounced as a "treacherons

betrayal" by a spokesman for the Inkatha Freedom Party, which is largely Zulu. The spokesman asserted that South African Defense Force

The main source of the violence here is a

troops were "openly aligned with the ANC."

part-political, part-economic, part-ethnic, part-

South African Police Pulled From Some Areas

gave no further details.

the killings.

Formally, they are overseen by civic organizations, local councils loosely aligned with the ANC but in-cluding members of other, more militant parties. In

practice, the units are a power unto themselves. Even Peter Mokaba, an ANC militant who had been a hero to township youngsters, has described the creation of the self-defense units as "naive and

"It was wrong to put men and women with arms under an ill-defined and amorphous structure known as 'the community,' " he said in his final speech as chairman of the ANC's Youth League. Discipline had broken down, he added.

The visilante from Ramokonopi once idolized Mr. Mokaba but now lumps him with the majority of politicians who, he says, are out of touch with the

His reaction to black leaders who would disband the units is insistent and a bit offended. On the contrary, he suggests, the township milities should be legalized, trained and paid to continue doing what they do now.

"They should be the first line of detense for the people," he said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Asia Gets More of West's Toxic Waste:

SINGAPORE (Reuters) — Asia is the West's latest toxic-waste dump, swallowing millions of tons of discards from industrialized nations each year, the international environmental group Greenpeace said Tuesday.

They used to send it to Africa, Central and Latin America, but as these regions have closed off, it's coming out to Asia," said Simon

Divecha, a toxic trade specialist with Greenpeace. From 1990 to 1993, Australia, Canada, Germany, Britain and the United States shipped more than \$14 million tons of tonic waste to Asia, Mr. Divecha said. This included household garbage scrap lead batteries, aluminum, cadmium, plastics, and medical and radioactive wastes under the miles of canada and the canada and th auminium, cauminin, plastics, and metical and radioactive wastes under the guise of recycling from the United States, Europe and Japan, a Greenpeace report said. The report said that waste traders plan to simp-more than five million more toas if Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India and Victnam approve the traders' proposals.

Latvia Opts for NATO Partnership

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Foreign Minister George Andrejevs of Latvia failed Tuesday to get U.S. security gnarantees for his Baltic nation, but said Latvia would join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's new

but said Latvia would join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's new Partnership for Peace program this month.

Mr. Andrejevs said that while Latvian security had been one of the main topics during two hours of talks with senior defense officials at the Pentagon, "We were not able to get these guarantees."

Instead, he said, Latvia had "decided positively" to joining the Partnership for Peace, under which NATO has invited former Soviet states to develop ties with the West without offering them military protection. "Somebody from my country is going to go to Brussels to sign the first agreement," Mr. Andrejevs said. He did not give a date.

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Yacht Murders Shock the Caribbean

LONDON (Combined Dispatches) - Scotland Yard detectives joined an investigation Tuesday into the murders of two American passengers and two British crewmen on a yacht in the Caribbean, the police said. Fishermen found the bodies Saturday after the yacht was found anchored not far from the island of Barbuda, 15 miles (25 kilometers)

30 More Die in Burundi Ethnic Strife

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (Resters) — At least 30 people have been killed and 40 wounded in renewed ethnic bloodletting in Burundi, the International Committee of the Red Cross said Tuesday.

Floods and Mud Kill 16 in Colombia

tracts of land under mud and rocks. The worst affected area was around. Florida, a town of 80,000 people about 400 kilometers (240 miles) southwest of Bogotá in the foothills of the Andes mountains.

since such attacks began on Sept. 20. A Muslim extremist organization, the Armed Islamic Group, has claimed responsibility for several of the attacks on foreigners since it Spain Arrests Bankrupt Australian

Estimates of 1993 earnings for Largardene Group and its Matra while Lagardère's net earnings are expected to surpass 150 million francs,

Chinese Travel Abroad Hits Record

BELIING (Renters) - A record number of Chinese traveled abroad last year after Beijing loosened exit restrictions, while foreign arrivals rose sharply because of to China's economic boom. Nearly 700,000 Chinese left the country on personal trips, and only 4

ercent of first-time applicants were denied enti permits, compared with bout 20 percent in 1992, the China Daily said Tuesday. Foreign arrivals in China jumped by 16.6 percent to hit 9.5 million, ith Japanese visitors accounting for about 900,000 and Russian visitors

Malaysia Airlines came under fire for portraying Sarawak state on Bomeo island as a land of head-hunters in its in-flight magazine. "A golden land of headhunters, hills and hombills" is how it was described in a magazine's feature "Raiders of Hidden Worlds." The Bernama newsagency quoted the Federation of Malaysian Coasumers Associations who called it a smear and an advertising gimnick since "head-hunters in Sarawak had already disappeared in the last century."

(Readers)

Singapore is unched a new abortwave radio service broatcasting in English, Malay and Chinese. Radio Singapore International is expected to reach listeners in Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei with news, current affairs and entertainment programs. The radio service started one programs. after the launching of Singapore International Television, a satellite channel to much of Asia for one hour each day.

The safety of ski lifts and other cable transport systems would be assured under measures proposed by the European Commission. The proposal covers cable cars, funiculars and chair lifts.

(Reador) American citizens in France should get their passports renewed and their infants registered before the summer rush, the U.S. Embassy in Puisshas urged. Up to 50,000 visitors from the United States are expected to visit France this year for the 50th amiversary of D-Day.

north of the West Indies island of Antigna. All four had been tied up, gagged and repeatedly stabled in the face, head and neck. The yaciit belongs to the British computer company Ogden, the police said.

The murden came as a shock to the twin-island federation of Antigna.

and Barbuda. Reports suggested that the vessel may have been raided by pirates who prey on vessels in the area. The victims were identified as an Ogden executive, John Cleaver, his wife, Patty Cleaver, both originally from California but living in Britain, and two British crewmen, Ian Cridland and Thomas Williams.

"According to hospital sources there have been 30 dead and 40 wounded," a Red Cross spokesnam said in Nairobi.

Diplomatic sources said most of the casualties occurred Monday after.

sangs of youths from the minority Tutsi people overturined buses outside the capital, Bujumbura. Violence crupted after Tutsis blocked all main roads leading into the city in a crisis over the choice of a successor to President Melchior Ndadaye, a Hutn who was slain in October. Thousands of Burundians have been killed smoe the assassination.

FLORIDA, Colombia (Renters) - Floodwaters and a sea of mud up to 10 meters high swept across parts of southwestern Colombia, killing at least 16 people, leaving dozens missing and thousands homeless, local officials said Tuesday.

Two rivers burst their banks in the region late Monday, burying vast

"Four shantytowns were wiped off the map," said the Florida govern-ment secretary, Nelson Echevarria Peña. Twelve people were confirmed dead and many more could be buried under the mind, he said. Casbah district of the capital, considered a and fifth French national to be killed in Algeria

kidnapped three French consular workers last

CANBERRA (Reuters) — The Spanish police arrested the bankrupt Australian entrepreneur Christopher Skase on the island of Majorca. Australian entrepreneur Christopher Stase on the Island of Majorca, where he has lived since his media empire was declared bankrapt in 1991, the Australian attorney general. Michael Lawarch, amnounced Theesday. Mr. Lavarch said the action was made in response to a request by Australia" for Mr. Skase's provisional arrest under the extradition treaty between Australia and Spain. Mr. Skase faces 32 charges by the Australian Securities Commission relating to his management of his Quitter group. He is scheduled to go on trial on March 14.

Mr. Skase's entertainment and leisure group was put in receivership in November 1989 with debts of 1.6 billion Australian dellars (\$1.1 billion) after an abortive bid for MGM/United Artists.

Correction

Hachette SA subsidiary were incorrectly characterized in an article Tuesday. Net earnings for Matra Hachette are expected to use to more than 600 million francs (\$101.4 million) from 354 million francs in 1992, up from 96 million francs in 1992.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Tale of 2 Cities, Venice and Mestre, Nears Its Final Chapter

ALGIERS — A French journalist was killed

Olivier Quenemeur, 34, a Frenchman who

worked for the Australian Broadcasting Corp.,

The Australian, Scott Allan White, 35, also employed by the network, was in serious condi-

By Paul Taylor

KATLEHONG, South Africa — Venturing into the deadliest of South Africa's political

killing fields, Nelson Mandela, president of the

African National Congress, unveiled a peace

plan Tuesday that marked the first time his

organization had given its political blessing to a

major police initiative by the white minority

The plan — also presented in Pretoria by President Frederik W. de Klerk — calls for

withdrawing a mainly white riot police squad

from a cluster of townships east of Johannes-

and his Australian colleague was seriously wounded in a terrorist attack in Algiers on

Tuesday, the Algerian security services said.

died after being taken to a hospital.

They said the attack was carried

tion, the security services said.

Special to the Herald Tribune VENICE — For centuries, the

Doge of Venice was rowed in a gilded barge to the mouth of the lagoon every spring to cast a gold ring into the deep to celebrate the city's "eternal marriage to the sea." In 1926, however, Mussolini presided over a shotgun wedding that formed Venice into a single city with the newly emerging industrial town of Mestre.

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This second marriage has not according to an increasing number of friends of both parties, been a cussed as the only solution to the couple's future happiness more than 30 years ago. Now, after two previous referendums, in 1979 and 1989, Venetians will vote Sunday with the distinct possibility that Venice and Mestre will finally decide to untie the knot.

The terraferma was always considered as the doormat of Venice," Piero Bergamo, 65, Venice-born lawyer who initiated the "separation" campaign in 1960, said in his office in Mestre.

"And then, in the 1920s a real disaster struck when a group of local businessmen who wanted to develop heavy industries on the mainland and also held positions in the Fascist government obtained a decree to make Mestre, until then an independent town, part of Ven-

"Ever since both cities have been suffering dire consequences from this latal embrace. Venice is a city of canals, waterways, a unique, ancient city with problems entirely different from Mestre, a modern town whose destiny lies with the rest of the mainland "

The industrialization of the area to the south of Mestre created a new port, shipyards, factories and Italy's largest petrochemicals works. This led in turn to steady migration from Venice to the mainland, as many Venetians moved in search of jobs, cheaper housing and more modern amenities. The resulting exodus has raised the population of Mestre-Marghera to around 200,000 and reduced that of Venice and the other islands of the lagoon to a little more than 100,000.

Meanwhile, those in favor of a two distinct, incompatible cities

"It would be interesting," said tion, there are twice as many votes Mario D'Elia. 47, also a lawyer, in Mestre as in Venice." who leads Venice's campaign for division, "to do a study of the Venetian Local Politician. This would be a medical, psychological, psychiatric study — a study of schizo-

phrenia. After all, he has to deal simultaneously with two completely different types of electorate, whose needs and wishes are totally opposed. In Mestre-Marghera he has to say that we must preserve old industries, create new jobs, reinvigorate the chemical works. But if he goes, say, to Pellestrina, an island of fishermen on the lagoon, he launches himself into a speech of an environmentalist variety, saying that industrial pollution must be controlled, fish stocks protected, a contradictory proposition."
"Venice's problems will never be

solved, " said Mr. D'Elia, "as long "yes" vote for separation say that as Mestre's problems remain paramount, which they will, given that, because of the population distribu-

burg. The police unit is being replaced by the rainly black army troops.

"This plan is intended to save lives," Mr.

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With a support for a "yes" vote apparently rising inexorably — in the earlier referendums, 27 percent in 1979, 43 percent in 1989, and, according to a survey a couple of weeks ago, 55 percent now — the debate has become more heated than ever. To add to the excitement, it was found out just over a week ago that the boundaries shown on posters pasted up by the municipality were different from the ones described in the referendum document. The entire industrial area of Marghera and a sizeable residential zone on the mainland might have ended up as a Venetian enclave in Mestre.

After a flurry of meetings, the Regional Council announced that the borders as shown on the posters would apply, although they slice through Venice's airport, leaving the lagoon-side runway in the puta-

The group held the three for a week before

they were freed by security forces at the end of October. One of them had been given a message

warning foreigners that they had until Dec. 1 to

leave the country or face death.

hostels on the edge of the communities

On most nights, residents say, one can bear

the crackle of gunfire. Most mornings, the po-lice drive through the dusty streets in armored personnel carriers, dodge bullets and pick up

Tuesday morning, the hacked body of a

woman was found in the Mandela squatter camp just outside of Katelong, and the burned

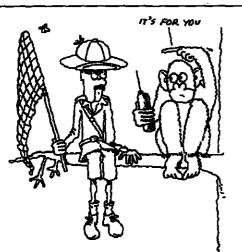
body of a man was found not far from the

community center where Mr. Mandela spoke.

Another issue is whether Venice would get to keep all the takings of the city's Municipal Casino or whether they would be shared with

In the past all the main political parties opposed dividing Venice and Mestre. But, with the disintegration of the old system, the center-right parties are broadly in favor, including the Northern League, which swept the board in many mainland Veneto constituencies, and in the populous fishing port of Chioggia at the south of the

The Democratic Party of the Left, Italy's reformed Comm however, which led an alliance of leftist parties that won a majority in recent municipal elections in Venice, remains opposed to the split, and is campaigning for a "no"



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Clinton Talks Up His Health Plan, Dole Talks It Down

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton cauboned against merely unkering with America's health-care system Tuesday and insisted that he would settle for nothing less than guaranteed insurance for all. His chief Republican critic held out new hope for

compromise.

After separate appearances by Mr. Clinton and the leader of the minority Republicans in the Senate, Bob Dole, before the nation's governors and the American Hospital Association, the president said he came away

encouraged about prospects.
"It's better for the American people if we work together and tone our rhetoric down," Mr. Clinton

Mr. Dole, speaking to the National Governors Association just before Mr. Clinton did, told the governors they "may have laid out a framework for the rest of us to rally around and talk about."

Supply

Of Blood

Dwindles

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Once

again, the blood supply in the United States is perilously

low. But this winter the short-

age has been the worst and longest since World War II.

The situation was so bad, blood bank officials said, that

if more people had been injured in the Jan. 17 earthquake

in Los Angeles, there might

treat them.

not have been enough blood to

At that time, the supply

around the country was down

to less than a day from the

preferred five to seven days.

Angeles and surrounding ar-

to send in from anywhere,

said Marcia Lane, a spokes-

woman for the American As-

sociation of Blood Banks. The

association represents 2,400 blood banks, including these

in the American Red Cross,

fused in the United States.

Officials offer a number of

explanations for this year's shortage, ranging from severe weather and the flu outbreak

to potential donors' irrational

fear of contracting AIDS. But

the severity of this year's

predictability of seasonal

shortages in general raises an imderlying question about the reliability of the blood collec-

In the last month, blood

supplies reached dangerous

levels in more than 40 cities

and resulted in postponement

of elective surgery in several

By Pierre Thomas

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Fewer U.S.

students disapprove of drug use and fewer see it as posing a risk, according to a long-term study by the University of Michigan's institute for Social Research, which re-

ported that illicit drug use among American teenagers had increased

in the last two years. This reverses a trend of generally

decreased use that begin in the late 1970s and the early 1980s.

More teenagers are using man-juana, LSD, inhalants and sumu-

lants, the survey of 51,000 students

found. The report, conducted for

the National Institute on Drug

Abuse, also revealed a rise in cigarette use, but found that cocaine

use both in powder and crack form, held steady at low levels and

"These are disumbing findings." said Lloyd Johnston, a researcher

on the survey, but he noted that the

numbers still remain below the lev-

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Smokers Beware

Of Colon Cancer

Strongest Evidence Yet Cited:

Risk Starts Early, Never Ends

WASHINGTON - In the

strongest evidence yet, two studies involving more than 150,000 peo-

ple show that cigarette smoking can lead to colon cancer in both men

The parallel studies, to be published Wednesday in the Journal of

the National Cancer Institute, also found that early smoking apparently fixes for life the risk of colon-

rectal cancer, even if the smoking

"With colon cancer, if you smoke in your 20s, that risk stays with you, said Dr. Edward Gio-yannucci of Brigham and Women's

Hospital in Boston, the Channing

Laboratory and the Harvard

School of Public Health. "Even if you stop at age 40, you'll still be at greater risk."

The risk is also "dose-related," he said. "The more you smoke, the

Other studies show that stopping

The colon cancer conclusions are

pack years in just a decade.

In the men's study, 35-to-39-

pack-year smokers were almost one

and a ball times as likely to develop

cancer of the colon or rectum as

Similar results were found in the

women's study, with the risk dou-

bling for women with a smoking

history of 45 pack years or more. Some earlier studies failed to

find a relationship between colon-

rectal cancer and cigarette smok-

ing, and Dr. Giovannucci said this may have been because it can take

35 years for the effects of smoking

naive about drugs and has to learn the same hard lessons."

The report looked at racial pat-terns of drug use and found, "con-trary 10 conventional wisdom,

black students report the lowest

rates of use for virtually all drugs, licit and illicit; and this is true at all

three grade levels included in the

Many specialists say that surveys about drugs, particularly those in-

volving young people, may be skewed because of the reluctance of

some participants to tell the truth about illegal activity and the desire

among others to brag.
But the Michigan study is seen as
the most reliable of its kind because

The Michigan researchers have

Although the numbers are rea-

son for concern, perhaps more dis-turbing is the change in attitude

Mr. Johnson said that the

changes would worry him less if the

were not also continuing to shift in

toward drugs, researchers said.

been polling seniors about drug use

of its consistency and longevity.

for 19 years.

to result in this type of cancer.

Fewer Students Disdain

Drug Use, Poll Shows

were those who never smoked.

habit is dropped.

more the risk."

"Call to Action" on health care. It stops short of some Cinton goals, but includes a Republican concession that employers be required to make coverage available

Mr. Dole seemed intent on keeping Republicans involved in the debate, telling his party, "We're going to be up in the bleachers when the parade goes by

unless we get our people together."

Mr. Dole repeated Republican opposition to Mr. Clinton's proposal that employers be required to pay at least 80 percent of their workers' health-care premi ums. Mr. Clinton countered: "I still believe in the requirement for employers to cover their employees."

The president, in two speeches that nearly exhausted his voice, affirmed his State of the Union declara-

tion that universal coverage must be a part of any "We have to do it now," he told the hospital

He was referring to the governors' newly minted executives. "And what we have to do includes providing guaranteed private insurance to every single

In both speeches, he cautioned against incremental reform. Casting the debate in financial terms, he added: "Without full coverage, I don't see any way to avoid the conclusion that states will continue to bear a disproportionate burden of skyrocketing health-care

At both appearances, he criticized competing plans that would make workers' health-care benefits subject to income taxes, saying it makes more sense to tackle waste and inefficiency in the current system.

"Before you tax the benefits of working people

whose wages have been stagmant for 20 years, why don't you ask how we can justify spending a dime on the dollar more on paperwork, regulation and insur-ance premiums than anybody else?" he asked hospital

In recent days, Mr. Dole has tried to back away from the dispute, dismissing it Tuesday as "theatries." But the Clinton administration, sensing that the public was on its side - keeps hitting on the issue.

Although Mr. Clinton at one point derided the issue as "a big linguistic battle." he repeatedly referred to the health-care system as in crisis.

"Anybody who thinks there are no serious problems, no crisis in the health-care system. I would say go visit your local hospital," he told the hospital officials to broad applause.

Speaking a day after the president signaled new flexibility on some elements of his health-care plan, Mr. Dole later told reporters, "I think the president's done a reality check." He added. "Maybe the president's dent's trying to make it easier for us by backing off some of the worst features," including spending limits and mandatory insurance-purchasing alliances.

POLITICAL NOTES

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Clinton Names Boston Lawyer to Rights Post

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton named a Boston lawver. Deval Patrick, on Tuesday to be the nation's chief civil-rights enforcer, filling a spot left vacant for months after the withdrawal of Lani Guinier. Wasting no time, conservatives called Mr. Patrick "a

Mr. Clinton heatedly suggested that Mr. Patrick's conservative critics "don't give a rip about civil rights."

In his announcement, Mr. Clinton said Mr. Patrick "understands In his announcement, Mr. Clinton said Mr. Patrick" the law is a tool to help real people with real problems." Mr. Patrick, a native of Chicago, said, "I am humbled."

Conservatives denounced the choice. "Patrick appears to be a

'stealth Guinier, " said Clint Bolick, of the Institute for Justice. "He has no paper trail, but is part of the same pro-quota chorus that produced Lani Guinier." Ms. Guinier, a law professor, was Mr. Clinton's first nominee for the post, Critics said her writings advocated increasing black political power by radical means. Republican senators repeated denounced her as "Clinton's quota queen." (AP)

White House View of Press: Contemptuous

WASHINGTON - Behind closed doors, the senior officials around President Bill Clinton concede that they do not think much

of the journalists who cover them.

They think television coverage of the presidency, as one adviser put it, is something of a "joke." Most prefer the coverage in out-of-put it, is something of a "joke." Most prefer the coverage in out-of-put it, is something of a "joke." Most prefer the coverage in out-of-put it, is something on Post. And many believe that much of the press seems Washington Post. And many believe that much of the press seems eager to destroy people and policies rather than provide objective coverage of either. The views are contained in an in-house survey of "a sizable portion of the president's top advisers" conducted by White House staff members and obtained by the Los Angeles Times. "Overall, the media receive a passing grade for accuracy," the report said. But it went on to characterize that accuracy as "inconsistent" and "spotty" and said the term "accuracy" applies at all only

tent" and "sporty" and said the term "accuracy" applies at all only when the press is reporting basic facts.

When it comes to the task that the modern media increasingly see

as its more important role — providing context and analysis insiders view the press as far less capable.

One official said that as soon as journalists tried to explain what something meant, "they fall into the quicksand called Washington journalism." All the quotations in the report are anonymous.
In contrast to a study by the Bush White House, Mr. Clinton's

advisers do not detect any ideological bias in the press. Most often, the media were described as "apolitical" and "middle of the road."

Yet at least one senior official said that such a perception itself suggested that "we share a similar outlook," adding, agree with people, you generally call them moderate, middle of the

Debate Quickens on Death of Clinton Alde

WASHINGTON — The gun found on Vincent W. Foster Jr.'s body last summer was tested by a federal agency, and the powder burns "were consistent" with forensic evidence that the deputy White House counsel killed himself, a law enforcement official said. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, released additional details about the investigation into Mr. Foster's death in an effort to dispel speculation in a newspaper story last week that foul

play, not suicide, could have been involved.

The 38-caliber revolver was tested by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the powder burns in those tests "were consistent" with those found on Mr. Foster's body, the official said. The New York Post reported last week that paramedics who attended to Mr. Foster's body found the absence of blood unusual,

and concluded that and other factors raised the possibility that the White House deputy counsel had fallen victim to foul play. The Wall Street Journal, meanwhile, has filed a lawsunt demand ing the release of the Park Police report on Mr. Foster's suicide. Noting the New York Post reports, a Journal editorial said, "If they are wrong, it's a great pity the complete Park Service Police report has not been released to still such speculation.

nas not been released to suit such speculation.

"If they are right, the Justice Department and the Park Service Police have had a great deal to hide. Either alternative suggests that the report should be released forthwith."

(AP)

George Bush, in Washington to receive an honor from Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, to an autograph seeker: "Oh no, you don't need my signature; I'm unemployed; I'm out of a job." (WP)

THOUSANDS GETTING HELP — Earthquake victims filling out forms for emergency food stamps in Los Angeles, amid signs that the city was beginning to return to normality. The White House said Tuesday it would ask Congress for an additional \$2 billion in aid.

Away From Politics cigarette smoking at any age, how-ever, does lower the risk of heart disease, king cancer and other dis-orders, Dr. Giovannucci said.

• The cable television industry unveiled a farreaching plan Tuesday for curbing violence on The colon cancer conclusions are based on a Harvard School of Public Health study of 47,935 men and a Brigham and Women's study of 118,334 women.

The colon cancer conclusions are reaching plan Thesday for currong violence on television, endorsing a ratings system and technology that would allow parents to block certain programs. The National Cable Television Association and cable network executives hope a band of panding congressional legislation to

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among 194 believed to be U.S. troops turned over by North Korea since 1990, had been identified by a U.S. military laboratory in Ha-

• Young men who showed little effect from the equivalent of rapidly drinking three or five beers were much more likely to become alcoholics than men who felt very drunk, according to a study in the February issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry.

 A San Francisco law firm said it filed a lawsuit on behalf of more than 800 women who were exposed to radioactive iron at a Tennessee spital in the 1940s while they were pregnant.

peals court. The ruling could cost the airline hundreds of millions of dollars. A total of \$19 million was awarded in this case, when a jury found that Pan Am had failed to prevent a terrorist bomb from being placed aboard Flight 103 before it exploded in 1988 over Lockerbie. Scotland, killing 270 people.

 A trucker beaten in the Los Angeles riots in 1992. Reginald Denny, will be allowed to sue the city for failing to protect him, a federal judge has ruled.

• An earthquake rattled Hawaii Island. It measured 5.2 on the Richter scale, lasted three to five seconds, and was centered under the Kilau-

ULSTER: Clinton Took a Calculated Risk on Letting In Sinn Fein Leader He added that the U.S. govern-



Gerry Adams speaking to reporters Tuesday in New York. Emily Douglas Dies, Was in Congress in 1940s

came a member of the Foreign Af-

statement that spoke at length of

the importance that the U.S. attaches to close cooperation with our British ally on a range of global issues on which our common values and interests unite us."

Mr. Major and Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland issued a joint declaration Dec. 15 designed to provide a framework for ending the sectarian strife in Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein was guaranteed a part in the negotiations that are to follow, but only if it renounced the use of violence in which the IRA and Protestant militias have en-

An Appeal for a U.S. Role Mr. Adams called Tuesday for Richard Drew/The Amortand Press the Climton administration to be actively involved in the Northern

She was the author of "Apple-seed Farm" (1948), a children's

book; "Remember the Ladies"

(1966), the story of women who

helped shape America, and "Mar-

garet Sanger (1970).

Sir Neville Stack, 74,

British Air Chief Marshal

New York Thnes Service

Sir Neville Stack, 74, who com-manded forces that airlifted British

troops to Jordan in 1958 to support

King Hussein and went on to be-

Ireland peace process and bring pressure to bear on Britain to break the deadlock, Reuters reported from New York.

to a conference here on the chances for peace in Northern Ireland, Mr. Adams accused the British government of stalling by refusing to clari-fy its ideas on the future of Northern Ireland as expressed in the December declaration by Ireland

There is an urgent need to break the current deadlock and to move the situation on toward a negotiated settlement and a lasting peace," he said. "The U.S. government can play a significant and positive role in encouraging the peace process by helping to create a climate which moves the situation

come air chief marshal, died of can-cer Jan. 26 in London.

The paratroopers' speedy arrival

in Jordan has been said to have

forestalled any sizeable outside in-

terference in Jordan, and the king's

government survived and consoli-

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In a speech prepared for delivery obvious reference to Britain, "ac- end the tragic violence," it said. tively seeking to encourage dialogue and agreement." Mr. Adams said, "It is clear that the British government have used

all their influence, as in the past, to impede any progress on this or in any other matter which could influence or inform perceptions about the current situation in Ireland and the British government's responsibility for the present intolerable standoff."

He was addressing the conference on Northern Ireland sponsored by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy.

The United States, meanwhile, called for all parties to the conflict in Northern Ireland to embrace a joint Irish-British declaration on peace, saying it was a "historic opportunity" to end the violence.

The White House statement said Mr. Gore, in his meeting with Mr. Hurd, "underscored our admiration for the courage and vision of Prime Ministers Major and Reyn-Sir Neville was knighted in 1972 and retired from the air force in olds in putting forward a new 1978. The 1958 airlift carried 2,000 framework for peace in Northern paratroopers from a British base on ireland." Cyprus to Jordan in a single day, July 17, after King Hussein asked

ment could achieve that goal in two ways: by facilitating the free exchange of information and in an vides an historic opportunity to



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Israel Tries to Cool Japan Makes It Sharp and Clear: Nuclear Arms Are Out Hope for PLO Pact

But Rabin Cites Progress

By David Hoffman

JERUSALEM -- Israeli leaders sought Tuesday to dampen expec-tations that an accord would be reached this weekend with the Palestine Liberation Organization that would prompt the start of Israel's military withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho in the West Bank. This isn't something that in one week, everything will be worked out," Prime Minister Yitzhak Ra-

"I hope it will, but it if takes another three to four weeks, I suggest not getting excited."

His comments followed a weekend meeting in Davos, Switzerland, between the PLO chairman. Yasser Arafat, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel in which several major disagreements were nar-

The Israeli pullout was supposed to begin Dec. 13 but has been delayed by arguments over border crossings, the size of the Jericho district and security arrangements for Israeli settlers.

Senior Israelis said that although the agreement may not be signed this weekend, it appeared to be on the way toward resolution. Both Rabin and Arafat know the mo-

Israel Orders Singers to Use Proper Hebrew

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Anyone who wants to be star on Israel's airwaves will have to start minding his alephs and beths. The Israel Broadcasting Au-

thority has ordered singers on state radio and television to use "proper" Hebrew if they want to be heard. Not only will a song have to use the words correctly, but also the singer will have to pronounce them correctly.

The authority has set up a panel of scholars to help lyricists in writing their songs without mangling the lan-

A rock singer, Arieh Zilber, protested, saying on state tele-vision: "I object to any attempt to impose academic rules on a creator, and a lyricist is a creator.

will have to pay the price," an official said. Mr. Arafat, speaking in Geneva at the United Nations, said he was prepared to sign an agreement in Davos, but that Israel asked for seven days to review the situation. Mr. Aralat cautioned a human rights conference that "it is the

ened if this is dragged out for too "There was progress in the talks in Davos." Mr. Rabin said, but he added: "We did not reach an agreement in many very important ar-

peace process itself which is threat-

"When there is a conclusion," he said, "it will have to be extremely

Mr. Peres, who is in Washington, said in an interview broadcast on Israel television that he and Mr. Arafat had reach agreements on broad issues but still needed to shape language in the agreement. Mr. Peres also was quoted as saying that Mr. Arafat told him he did not want a Palestinian state, but rather a confederation with

PLO resumed in Cairo. The chief Palestinian negotiator, Nabil Shaath, expressed hope that the details could be ironed out in time for Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat to meet again in Cairo on Sunday.

But in Israel, officials were playing down the prospect of a signing

"I don't want to raise a level of expectations which can't be ful-filled," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who accompanied Mr. Peres to Davos. "I hope that next week in Cairo there will be a signing but I am not very sure about it. We still have many problems to solve, and many gaps to be

The long delays in starting the pullout have cast doubts on whether Israel can meet the April 13 deadline for leaving most of the Gaza Strip and Jericho. Mr. Rabin has insisted that get-

ting an agreement satisfactory to Israel is more important than meeting deadlines.
"I am sorry to say that for Rabin, dates are not sacred," Mr. Arafat

Israelis said Mr. Peres would return and consult with Mr. Rabin

before the planned meeting with Mr. Arafat in Cairo. Mr. Sarid and Mr. Rabin both denied news reports here suggesting that Mr. Peres had acted without Mr. Rabin's consent.

TOKYO - Japan, in an unusually sharp response to suggestions from abroad that Tokyo could be reconsidering its longstanding ban on nuclear weapons development, said Tuesday that even if North Korea developed a nuclear bomb there is no nuclear option for Ja-

The declaration followed reports in London that Britain's Defense Ministry warned the cabinet that

Japan now had the elements necessary for a bomb. But the statements sokawa, the government said that in Tokyo also seemed prompted by "it is out of the question" that Ja
"it is out of the question" that Jaconcerns in Washington that Ja- pan would lift restrictions on nupan's position may shift as nation- clear weapons. "The nuclear arms option would

alists respond to the growing North ansis respond to the growing room, only destabilize Japan's interna-the chairman of the Senate Armed tional environment," Mr. Takethe chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Sunday mura said, "and would not aid our that he considered Japan's anti-nu- goal of maintaining peace and clear commitment "an interim, prosperity. imporary position."

But the statements stepped In statements by the Foreign around the concern in Asia that Ministry and by Masayoshi Take. Japan has become something of a 'virtual" nuclear power, possessing mura, the cabinet secretary for

civilian breeder reactor program that increasingly looks like never getting beyond the experimental

stage. It has the technology to make a bomb and by some American estimates it would take only a few

As a result, to many in Asia Ja-pan never needs to build a bomb. It is close enough to that point. While the British report appeared to reach similar conclusions, such possibili-

Last year, however, a group of conservative politicians opposed Japan's plans to endorse an indefinite extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, saying that the country should preserve the option of making weapon.

"As long as we are confident that the United States would defend us against all threats, even regional powers like the North Koreans, I think there is nothing to wony about," an official said recently. "If that changed, it would be a very different situation."

In recent weeks Japanese officials have been particularly upset that their commitment to remaintioned by former Bush administration officials. In testimony in Congress in November, Paul D. Wolfowitz, a former Defense Department official and ambassador to Indonesia, expressed fear that cide North Korea would "push Japan said.

into military programs that Japan

has so far strongly resisted."

Brent Scowcroft, George Bush's national security adviser, and Arpold Kanter, who dealt with North Korean issues in the State Department, have made similar state-

Some U.S. officials have said they fear the confrontation with North Korea could touch off a shift in Japanese attitudes, one the tight could exploit "I think they are quite sincere in saying they will not go nuclear, a U.S. official said in Washington. "I also think that today's intentions can shift."

Japanese officials reject that view, saying that even if the govern-ment wanted to change the policy, there is no way the public would stand for it. I think we can totally exclude the possibility of Japan be coming a nuclear power, not only in the near future, but in the distant future," Kunikiko Saito, the deputy minister of foreign affairs, said recently. "It would be political suicide for any party in Japan," he

Ukraine Parliament Chief **Sees Arms Pact Approval**

KIEV — The Ukrainian parliament will approve a nuclear disarmament pact signed last month in Moscow by the presidents of the United States. Russia and Ukraine, the chairman of the parliament, Ivan

"The majority of deputies agree that the trilateral agreement is an important step in the disamment process and will approve it," he said, referring to a pact committing Ukraine to give up nuclear weapons in exchange for security guarantees and compensation

But Mr. Plyushch said the current parliament was unlikely to ratify the 1968 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, saying it was a job for a new parliament, which is to be elected March 27.

President Leonid M. Kravchuk urged deputies last week to ratify the accord. He had returned from signing the Moscow agreement on dis-tling the 176 strategic nuclear missiles on Ukrainian territory.

According to the trilateral agreement, Ukraine is due to receive compensation and guarantees in exchange for transferring nuclear warheads to Russia for disarmament.

DOWN AND OUT IN TOKYO — Boxes and umbrellas are home in Tokyo's Shinjuku commercial district as the recession bites.

North Korea Goes to the Brink of Renouncing Nuclear Treaty

TOKYO - North Korea, at-"goodwill commitments" over nu-clear inspections and finally re-

But South Korean officials said Beijing, Washington and Seoul were stepping up diplomatic efforts to avert a showdown

In a terse statement issued overnight Tuesday by the official Kore-

an Central News Agency, North Korea's Foreign Ministry accused tacking what it called U.S. perfidy, the Americans of reneging on an says it is ready to tear up all its end-of-year pledge to work for a of its announced withdrawal from goodwill commitments over nu-peaceful end to the crisis, set off by widespread fears that North Konounce the Nuclear Nonprolifera- rea's hard-line Communist leadership was secretly building nuclear

weapons.

If Washington broke its promises, the statement said, North Korea would no longer be bound by

These included "all the goodwill

measures and commitments it has experts to determine whether or taken so far unilaterally" including not a secret program exists. "the suspension of the effectuation

pean Bank officers could survive just by being 'political animals."

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side, Mr. de Larosière, the former chant bankers and development

Fund and the Bank of France, gets much of the credit for setting a new long way towards making those

and no office politics are brooked.

It is the new president's sweeping as two groups that just happening reorganization of the institution, unveiled in November, that member of the bank's board said.

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and a merchant banking wing con-result decisions were painfully slow centrating on the private sector. in coming Now, he said, "the bank

That structure has been swept seems to operating much more like

away. Instead, Mr. Larosière creat- an efficient machine."

Accusing the Americans of "despicable and dangerous actions of perfidy," it said: "If the U.S. has no intention to hold any further round of talks, the D.P.R.K., too, will have no intention to do so."

of nuclear weapons" and its freeze

on all nuclear activities.

The UN agency says Pyongyang. which disclaims nuclear weapons ambitions, still refuses to allow inspection procedures vital to allow

head of the International Monetary

standard under which no nonsense

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In three weeks, these experts must report to the agency gover-nors on their mission to find out if nuclear material has been diverted from civilian use to build arms.

If the agency reports failure, North Korea could find itself fac-ing UN sanctions, a step it says would be an act of war.

But the South Korean ambassador to China, Hwang Byung Tae, said China was pressing North Korea to end the nuclear dispute through Vienna talks with the

two operations work in a comple-

BANK: Under New Management, There's More Lending, Less Spending

Republican senators have in-

creased pressure on the White House to send Patriot anti-missile batteries to South Korea, news agencies reported from Washing-

"A delay in sending Patriot mis-sile batteries to South Korea will signal a weakness on our part and embolden North Korea," said Senator Alfonse D'Amato in a letter to outgoing Defense Secretary Les

Mr. D'Amato, Republican of New York, serves on the defense subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

an increasing number of people both inside and outside the bank ask, that the institution seems so intent in hiding its newfound light under a bushel?

"If anyone asks for that informa-tion we will tell them," a bank spokeswoman, Rebecca Hill, said,

referring to the bullish 1993 lend-

ing figures that have never been officially released.

bank officials do not even get that far. Under the institution's new

low-profile approach, bank executives declined to comment for this

Requests for interviews with

Although the Patriot system is a defensive weapon designed to deflect or destroy enemy ballistic mis-ales, the United States has been carefully considering the move because of its possible impact on ne-gotiations with North Korea. & INVESTME

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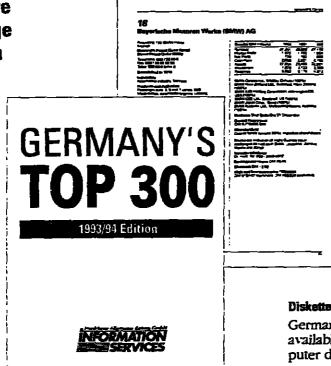
At the same time, lawmakers, particularly Republicans, have warned the administration of the quest for forces or weapons from a battlefield commander. The warnings hark back to last fall when Mr. Aspin refused a request for tanks in Somalia shortly before an aborted raid led to the deaths of 18 U.S. (AFP, AP)

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ACADEMY: A Bad Year Gets Worse in Annapolis

ed a new country-focused organiza- Curricusty, one of the greatest article, while Mr. de Larosière has

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ing began. A senior athlete, who was not among those accused of cheating, criticized school officials, students in a state of ethical "con-Admiral Lynch, for his part, de-

fended his actions, saying that "the buck stops with the individual midshipman."
"He said he felt we'd let him

down, betrayed him," said a member of this year's senior class, recalling a Lynch briefing on the report to the senior class. "It was depressing."
Appalling as it was, the report

was something of a relief after a year of grumbling and whispering about a cover-up. Perhaps the low-est point came in April, when Ad-

miral Lynch faced the entire 4,200- Senator Richard C. Shelby, Demomember brigade with the results of the initial investigation. Only six of the 11 students recommended for cheating criticized school officials.

saying their leadership had left the "capulsion by midshipmen-run "honor boards" would be expelled. and all five football players had

> Midshipmen began snickering, jeering and chanting the nickname of a student believed to have received the most blatant special break - a football player whose father is a close friend of Admiral Lynch's. The football player, whose expulsion was recomme ed by honor boards, was cleared by Admiral Lynch's second-in-command, Captain John B. Padgett. Complaints finally reached

been cleared by top-level academy

members of Congress, including

crat of Alabama, who sent a letter to the navy that prompted the in-spector general's investigation. Mr. Shelby, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee's personnel subcommittee, says he feared that the investigation was bungled and has scheduled a hearing on the scandal this week.

How to explain an incident that so utterly flies in the face of the school's vaunted tradition of hon-

Admiral Lynch has said he thought the school just needed to do a better job of communicating the Honor Concept to students.

But aspects of the scandal sugsome observers.

tion that divides the 28 nations in controversies at the suddenly suc- yet to give an interview since taking which the bank operates into two cessful EBRD is one that would over. Speaking not for attribution, members of the bank's board say have been impossible to contemplate under its relentlessly highprofile first president, Mr. Attali, before his ouster in July. Why is it,

that the closed-door policy is con-sistent with the new president's belief that organizations should be judged by their results, not the patina they can put on their accomplishments in their press release. Others have their doubts. "A low

profile is inappropriate for an institution facing no end of competi-tors," said Paul Reynolds, a director of the Adam Smith Institute: a free-market think tank in London.

Looking lorward, many experts consider that the bank is headed for a dangerous squeeze. Its man-date is to devote 60 percent of its resources to the private sector.

"To say that the bank must put money into the private sector in countries where there is none is simply a non sequitur," said S. Stanley Katz, a former consultant to the bank.

To make matters worse the bank's richer members - the likes of the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, countries where the En-ropean Bank has made many private sector loans and investments — may soon outgrow the institu-tion. In Warsaw, Matthew Olex-Szczytowski, the local head of the British merchant bank Schroders PLC, points to the surprisingly rapid growth of both the Polish economy and its financial markets.

"It suggests that the EBRD much sooner than expected will have strong competition in provid-ing funds to the Polish private sco-tor," he said. In the Czech Republic, where by some estimates \$500 million in foreign funds poured into the stock market in the last three months of 1993 alone, that threat is even more imminent.

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WORKERS: A New Paradise for Employment Is Opening Across Russia Continued from Page 1 inefficient that almost everyone lives poorly.

in frustration last week, contends that econom-

ic reforms have proceeded far too slowly because of political opposition. In announcing his resignation, he lashed out at U.S. officials who have begun suggesting that for the sake of political stability Russia perhaps needed "less shock and more therapy."

"What kind of shock therapy is it if inflation runs at 20 percent a month? If the whole nation had just five bankruptcies during a year? If the official unemployment rate is \ percent?" Mr. Pyodorov asked. "I think, if anything, reform is extremely slow-paced."

At the municipal Filyovsky trolley and bus depot in western Moscow, the employment chief Alexei Kopytin sees little evidence that reform is altering the job situation. The depot's 785-member work force now includes 122 Ukrainian drivers and repairmen, and Mr. Kopytin would hire 350 more if he had dormitory

"We have a shortage of people," he said.
"Many Russians want to find easier jobs."
On the other hand, Oleg Bely, a 24-year-old Ukrainian, is delighted to be driving a bus in

Moscow. In his home city of Vianytsya, where his wife and son still live, Mr. Bely's salary as a bus driver was the equivalent of less than \$15 for 250 hours of work. Here, for 180 hours, he earns more than \$250.

Despite two years of dire predictions, unem-ployment in Russia remains low. The official rate is about 1 percent, and even the true rate, Ms. Shapiro said, is not higher than 5 percent. While productivity continues to slide, plants and commercial enterprises have responded by putting workers on forced leaves, cutting back their hours and holding back their pay. But almost no one has been laid off.

"When people hope that reforms are reversible, they hold onto their workers," Ms. Shapiro

The difficulty with this temporary solution, she added, is that the resulting economy is so

Many Russian factory workers live worse, at least materially, than Poles getting by our memployment benefits.

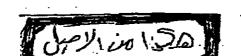
proyument benefits.

Inflexibility in the housing market and continuing government residency regulations have prevented unemployed or underemployed Russians from moving with their families to area of labor shortage, such as Moscow. And some Russians have found work in the growing prevate sector. vale sector. All these factors have left vacancies for for-

eign workers in some of Russia's least desirable jobs. Sergei Sointsev, spokesman for the Federal Migration Service, estimated that 300,000 workers, mostly from Ulcraine and Relatud, were working in Russia under contract. But most observers you the automorphism of the property of the p most observers say the number is much higher,

since most do not register with any agency.

Asked why Russians are not filling such
posts, Mr. Solutsev said: "I can't answer this question, but my feeling is that it's not presqgious to work in a bus depot."



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U.S. Troops on UN Duty

Misadventures in Somalia and Bosnia have understandably given United Nations peace-keeping a bad name in the United States. Now the Clinton administration, tempering its earlier enthusiasm for such operations, has devised tough new conditions for U.S. participation.

The administration would be willing to have U.S. troops join in UN peacekeeping if all the warring sides agree to a truce. If not, Washington would consider committing troops only if its security interests were at stake, and then only if the troops were essential to assure the operation's effectiveness and if their involvement had broad support from the American people and Congress. American troops would be allowed to serve under foreign commanders if circumstances warranted.

Senator Bob Dole wants to constrain U.S. participation still further. He would allow American troops to serve in UN operations. But he is introducing legislation that would bar the troops from serving under foreign command, prohibit U.S. forces from "any standing UN army" and cut back on American funding for UN operations. These steps could sometimes preclude a UN alternative to U.S. intervention and force America to choose between playing global cop or doing nothing to keep the peace. The administration's

case-by-case approach seems more prudent. Having a U.S. commander take charge makes sense when Americans make up a large share of a UN force. But why insist on assuming command if the United States makes just a taken contribution of troops? If, as in the case of Somalia. American troops are withdrawing and being replaced by forces from other countries, would Mr. Dole bar a U.S. commander from transferring command to someone else

before the last American leaves? U.S. troops would, of course, remain under the control of the president and could always be withdrawn from engagements that were militarily unsound or that failed to serve American interests. But it sometimes may make sense for American troops to serve under foreign command.

ilarly, refusing to commit U.S. troops to a standing UN army is reasonable. But what is wrong with designating an American brigade or two to participate regularly in peacekeeping exercises with foreign forces? That way could practice working together and would be ready for prompt dispatch if the need arose. Paying for others to do peacekeeping may, at times, be preferable to sending American troops instead

To his credit, Senator Dole would insist on congressional approval before committing U.S. troops to UN peacekeeping, and would establish a realistic Pentagon budget for peacekeeping instead of diverting funds from military readiness. But Congress let President George Bush dispatch 30,000 U.S. troops to Somalia without convening to debate the wisdom, and limits, of American involvement. Will it be any more willing in the future to conduct a timely debate and share responsibility for committing troops? And Congress has often been slow to pay the U.S. share of UN operations.

In his understandable desire to pull back from ill-fated multilateral efforts, Mr. Dole could force the country into an uncomfortable choice: intervene alone in international trouble spots, or do nothing. The administration is right to learn from its mistakes without sounding total retreat.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Keeping Arafat in Play

Marked progress is being reported in efforts by Israel and the PLO to carry into effect the first-stage interim peace agreement they signed in September. The going is tortuous, but Israelis and Palestinians appear bent on bringing about the end of Israeli occupation and the establishment of a Palestinian autonomy re-

gime in Gaza and in Jericho on the West Bank. The issues now described as nearing resolution concern control over borders, security of Israeli settlements and the dimensions of "Jericho." These are far smaller and easier than the core questions that have been left to second-stage negotiation — the fate of Israeli settlers and Palestinian refugees, the drawing of final borders, the status of Jerusalem.

Even the lesser issues, however, being the first on which the parties have engaged across a table, touch every nerve and consume every inch of political space. Moreover, these lesser issues lend themselves poorly to split-the-difference diplomacy. Palestinians, for instance, strive for the positive benefits of territory acquired - prisoners freed, Israeli soldiers sent home, new jobs provided -while Israelis demand first the negative benefits of relief from Palestinian attacks. Palestinians seek to endow an interim regime with all possible rights of sovereignty and statehood, even as Israelis seek to make the regime literally interim: dependent on Israeli consent

for further evolution.

Each new act of Palestinian terrorism shakes the Israeli public. Still, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is operating within a domestic consensus that ensures him support for the interim deal he is trying to negotiate.

By contrast, Yasser Arafat - the PLO chairman, or, as he prefers to put it, president - seems, both by the slow pace of negotiations and by his own erratic leader-ship style, to have lost much of the popular enthusiasm he earlier enjoyed. It makes him the more eager for a deal, lest he slip even more. It also makes the Israelis increasingly his political keeper. They must bargain to get what Israel needs from this negotiation. They must also bargain to keep Mr. Arafat in the game. At least until the elections contemplated in the interim agreement, he is the Palestinians' indispensable man.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Cleaner Cars for All

A small group of people from 12 Eastern states and the District of Columbia were meeting in a Washington hotel this Tuesday to make a critical decision for the environment, for consumers and for the automobile industry. They are members of the Ozone Transport Commission, established by the 1990 Clean Air Act to find regional solutions to air pollution problems up and down the Eastern Seaboard. On the table was a proposal bitterly opposed by the antomobile industry. If approved by the commission and by the Environmental Protection Agency, it would require all 12 states and the District to adopt California's tough "clean car" program.

The California program requires even lower automobile emissions in pasoline-fueled cars than those mandated by the Clean Air Act. But what terrifies Detroit even more is another mandate: the gradual introduction of electric cars, beginning with 2 percent of all new cars sold in California in 1998 and climbing to

10 percent in 2003. The industry says the electric car requirement is impractical. But the Eastern states should say "yes" to the California program. Their populations and California's comprise 40 percent of the American automobile market. And the fact that 40 percent of the market will have stipulated a desire for electric vehicles would give industry a continuing incentive to spend serious money on what could be the next leap in automotive technology.

Some of the industry's lears are understandable. Electric car technology is primitive: tiny vehicles with a range of 150 miles (240 kilometers) costing more than \$35,000. There is no obvious market and, as yet, no means of mass production. Detroit has offered to build for everyone the same low-emission gaspowered vehicles it now builds for California.

But many state governors say they cannot meet federal clean air standards as long as the cities are clogged with gas-driven vehicles. Detroit's technological prowess has made those vehicles 95 percent cleaner than they were 20 years ago. Even so, cars and trucks still account for nearly half of all urban smog. And there will be more of them on the road as the years go by.

Industry also argues that "you can't legislate innovation." True. But artfully drawn regulations that set general targets and allow manufacturers to find their own solutions have stimulated amazing results: unleaded gasoline, for example, the catalytic converter and cleaner, reformulated fuel. In each case, there were many in the automobile and oil industries who said it could not be done.

There is one final reason why the Eastern states should adopt the California standards: They are not immutable. California officials will monitor technological advances and market forces. If conditions are not right by 1998, the deadline will be shoved back. But even a flexible mandate will keep manufacturers working on the problem - not just the Big Three, but a lot of little high-tech compani that may see a market where Detroit does not.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Small Ways to Save Ourselves

The history of life offers sobering examples of species destroyed by their own success, species whose success at reproduction over-whelmed the habitat on which they relied. Will Homo sapiens be such a species?

China lost enough arable land to development and abuse during the Cold War to support 450 million people. Despite population control efforts that have been criticized for their harshness, China's population is still growing. How long can arable land shrink and population grow before a massive crisis results? Are there any answers?

A Kenya Museum Society program makes protection of an irreplaceable resource like the Arabuka Sokeke forest economically viable (dried butterflies are sold to shops and for craft work). Conservation International has done something analogous in the Amazon rain forest. Apologists of big government and big business alike should give [such modest projects] a close look.

— Los Angeles Times.



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Big Trouble Ahead if Yeltsin Slows Down

D AVOS, Switzerland — To the spoils of communism belong the two Viktors: Chernomyrdin and Gerashchenko. Russia's prime min-

ister and the head of its central bank have Boris Yeltsin's ear and his support for a go-slow economic reform program that will cause consternation in the West when its outlines become fully apparent. Mr. Chemomyrdin and Mr. Ger-

ashchenko now pilot President Yeltsin's attempt to stay afloat amidst the wreckage of the Soviet era and Mikhail Gorbachev's chaotic "perestroika." The two Viktors are not fighting Mr. Yeltsin or each other, as press reports often indicate. They are fighting, bless them, to save Mr. Yeltsin and, alas, to save the indus-trial core of the old Soviet system. Mr. Yeltsin's fate has now be-

come entwined with an economic program that seeks to delay or avoid gether the creative destruction that feeds the capitalist system. Prime Minister Chernomyrdin and Mr. Gerashchenko underscored this to me in conversations here in Davos, where they addressed Western business leaders at the annual

World Economic Forum.

Both insistently denied to their audiences that they were anti-re-form. They said the departure of younger economists like former Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov from Mr. Yeltsin's government do not signify retreat from a free market economy. But when I pressed them separately for definitions of the clusive word "reform," a fuller and less reassuring picture of their intentions emerged

They agree on essentials and persuasively argue that they are doing exactly what Mr. Yelisin wants them to do — avoiding massive un-employment and further sharp degradation of the Russian standard of living, even though that means continuing loose monetary policy and high inflation.

Both Viktors emphasized in our talks the urgent need to invest more By Jim Hoagland

tected and more goods will be produced. Currency stability and inflation rates were only one part of the picture and had been overemphasized by the departed reformers, "who not only left but also left their mess behind for us to clean up," Mr.

The central bank head is to the reformers the devil incarnate. He pumps out rubles on demand to meet factory payrolls and government spending. Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt clearly had Mr. Gerashchenko in mind when he told the Davos conference that the big danger in Russia no longer comes from the finger poised on the nuclear launch button but from "the finger on the button of the Russian

money printing machine."
In person, Mr. Gerashchenko is a far less menacing presence, speak-ing soft, heavily accented English and repeatedly emphasizing his concern for Russian citizens who have been devastated by the aston-ishing combination of prices shooting up while the production of goods plummets.
"We need a market-oriented soci-

ety but with some kind of social system to protect the people," he said. "By reform I mean efforts to create a society in which the produc-tion of different types of goods the population would like to have would be encouraged by economic means, not by administrative decisions. Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin tried something like this in the mid-70s but was blocked, Mr. Gerashchenko noted with regret.

Mr. Chemomyrdin, who turns out to be far more engaging and alert than his stolid, apparatchik-like exterior suggests, also insisted that jobs and production - not money supply — were the keys both to economic recovery and to Mr. Yeltsin's fate. He emphasized his decade-long association with and loyalty to the Russian president in

This is all an enormous step backward from Milton Friedman and Margaret Thatcher, patron saints for the departing Russian reform-ers. It is also a step back in time to Mr. Gorbachev's final year in office, when the last Soviet leader talked reform to get money from abroad but practiced retrenchment at home. "We are back in the late Gorbachev period, telling the West you must send money not to make things better but to keep things from getting worse and to keep the mon-sters from taking over," said one disillusioned Russian here. "What is awful is that this time it is true."

The return to a Gorba-esque pat-tern will be confirmed if, as I hear, departed Finance Minister Fyodo-

rov soon accepts an appointment as economic adviser to Mr. Yeltsin. He will talk to the West while the two Viktors run the economy.

Soviet workers used to joke that the government pretended to pay them and so they pretended to work. Today the West pretends to provide aid to Mr. Yeltsin's Russia, which pretends to reform. It is a matter of

ceeping up appearances.
One word describes the economic situation over which the two Viktors preside in Russia today and the aidreform equation between Russia and the West: "untenable." Cataclysmic change is in the cards for Russia in the next 12 months if Mr. Yeltsin tries to muddle through the same predicament that did in his predecessor in the Kremlin.

The Washington Post.



Russian roulette.

Russia at the Top Table, Eastern Europe in NATO

D AVOS, Switzerland — Grigori Yavlinsky, the 41-year-old economist who broke with both Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin when they rejected his radical reforms, says the entire Russian parliament now is in the opposition. "It is a constructive opposition," he adds, a paradox that both pro- and anti-government Russians at the World Economic Forum here accepted.

There is a peculiar perverse optimism among Russian leaders now. A wide sample of them turned up here, including Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, but not the ranting belligerent Vladimir Zhirinovsky. They all seemed to agree that things will continue getting worse before they get better, and that this is somehow salutary. Mr. Yavinsky, who is running hard for president in as American a style as he can manage, expects tremendous mistakes from the government that will turn the electorate around

Boris Fyodorov, who finally quit as finance ild not get the power to stop the central bank from running the rubleprinting press nonstop, agrees, although Mr. Yavlinsky calls him a mere "quasi-reformer." An estimated S1 billion fled the country in

January when the new government tacked away from reforms, but that, too, was taken as a good sign, showing that the Russian financial market is functioning well enough to respond sharply to bad news. "Bad policy should produce crises," said Anders Aslund, the Swedish expert who resigned as an economic adviser.

Prime Minister Chernomyrdin was said to be shocked at the Western reaction to the changes, and that, too, provoked inexplicable hope. By Flora Lewis

Meanwhile, President Boris Yeltsin, who pushed through a constitution concentrating power in his hands, simply sulks. He's too moody to act

until he's desperate, Mr. Aslund said. In short, Moscow is in a mess. It is a mistake to think that there is much method in the push and shove going on, and therefore that there is a clear line, a defined group, or even an active personality for the West to support. The reformers, who have the best claim for Western backing, are obsessed with the classic bickering of Russian

intellectuals and are not even pulling together.

Whether from conviction, political pressure or tactics, the one thing everybody argues now, including Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev (long attacked for being the West's poodle), is that Russia must pay more attention to its "national interests." This is a way of sayin try to restore decisive influence on the former

Soviet republics, the "near abroad." The way it is being done, this is renewed empire building. The Ministry of Defense is said to be in control of foreign policy regarding the "near abroad," destabilizing recalcitrant republies so as to become the only potential stabilizing force. Mr. Kozyrev, with his new harder line on Russian interests, is trying to grab back control

for the Foreign Ministry.

Given the deeply integrated structure of the ex-Soviet economy and the fight of its militaryindustrial managers for survival, it is neither surprising nor unreasonable that efforts should

be made to restore economic ties. But it is being done with a very heavy hand.

The West cannot endorse this approach on the grounds of saving President Yelisin or reform, for reasons of principle and because the resentments provoked means that the approach cannot be maintained without coercion. But neither can the West wash its hands of Russia's troubles. The

stakes are too high.
Chancellor Helmat Kohl has come up with the useful idea of giving Russia permanent member-ship among the Group of Seven industrial states, really the world's board of directors, on political issues, while keeping economic leadership to themselves. But this should be done only as a trade-off for promising future NATO membership to Eastern Europe. In that way, Russia would not be excluded from the top table, but it would not have a veto on its neighbors' search for safety.

The international system is at a crossroads, as tion as it was after World War II. But the existing institutions all have specific,

limited functions - military, trade, monetary, etc. - and are not equipped to put it all together in a geopolitical strategy. That concept of fitting things together was produced in the minds of the leaders half a century ago.

In the absence of such imaginative leaders

now, the fitting needs to be institutionalized, and the Group of Seven, or Group of Eight, has the flexibility to do it if the wish is there. We cannot wait for the Russians to sort themselves out; they are bogging down. The West must take the lead.

C Flora Lewis.

Gerry Adams: Optimistically Into the Irish Dark

By Edna O'Brien

foresee the necessity of welding the

The bearings, the white noise, the torture, the botched attempts at es-

cape, the deaths, the coffins he has

carried (including recently, and to the wrath of the world, the coffin of an

IRA bomber who blew up a Shankill

Road chip shop, killing nine Protestants and himself) — all that has made

Mr. Adams the formidable figure he is.

dark and recognized it as his metier.

One feels that he has gone into the

It is not that he is discourteous or

without wit. He described to me with

droll humor a farce-like scenario in-

volving false beards and leather jack-

ets for an escape scheme that was quickly foiled because his look-alike

happened to be six inches shorter than

he, causing a warder to remark, "One

minute I was looking up at Adams and the next minute I was looking down."

No, he is happy to talk. But, like the steel grills that guard his office (a

Unionist gunman recently gained en-

trance under a false pretext and shot

three people dead before killing him-

self), he puts up a kind of psychologi-

cal grill that gives him the aloofness often found in charismatic leaders.

doubt, in his journey from violence to

the negotiating table he sees parallels.
As for a private life, he says he

He has reason to. Not long ago a

grenade was thrown into his house -

his wife and son were lucky to escape

- and when he made a rare appear-

ance 18 months ago in the center of

Bell'ast, at a court hearing, he was

shot several times as he walked out to

There is something balllingly calm

about him, a studiousness, too, as one

is admitted to his tiny office. He is

putting the finishing touches to a speech he will give, asking again that

John Major clarify certain vital mat-

ters in the Downing Street declara-tion of Dec. 15, in which Dublin and

London announced that they had

Looking around with a sort of wea-

He is all too aware that James

Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster

Unionist Party, has said, "There is

nness, he asks, "Flow will it make

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things different for us?"

lunch and barely escaped death.

guards it "jealously."

His hero is Nelson Mandela. No

armed and the political struggle.

BELFAST — Gerry Adams is something of a mystery. His Falls Road enclave in West Belfast is row on row of diminutive red-brick houses cleaved together, his flock 100,000 or so Catholics. And his calling in recent months has been a series of talks with an old ideological enemy, the Irish politician John Hume. with the aim of bringing about a

"lasting peace" in Northern Ireland. Mr. Adams, president of the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, was to attend a conference on Northern Ireland in New York this Tuesday, the Clinton administration having swallowed its rejuctance to grant him a visa.

Bringing about or even commenc-ing on a lasting peace in Ireland is not an easy task. Behind Mr. Adams must lurk not only the memory but the reality of the last peace process, hammered out by Michael Collins in 1922, whereby the six counties of Northern Ireland were severed from the 26 in the Republic, a matter that led to a bloody civil war and caused Mr. Collins to say he had signed his own death warrant - as indeed he had, ambushed not long after in his native County Cork in a place tender-

ly called the Mouth of the Flowers. Whereas Michael Collins was outgoing and swashbuckling. Gerry Adams is thoughtful and reserved, a lithe, handsome man with a native formality. Given a different incarnation in a different century, one could imagine him as one of those monks transcribing the gospels into Gaelic.
While the Fails Road faithful

swarm to the Sinn Fein office daily for advice, he attracts bile and revulsion from many other quarters. When Prime Minister John Major utters his name in the House of Commons, he cannot conceal his loathing.

and on television and in newspapers

Mr. Adams is depicted as a chilling and inscrutable figure. The reason is twofold. First, and despite his rigorous denials, it is assumed that he is at the center of all IRA military strategy. Second, friends and enemies able regard him as a man

of unswerving determination.

Now in his mid-40s, he was interned in his early 20s and remained in jail for nearly five years, writing a column for a Republican newspaper in which he was prescient enough to nothing in it for Nationalists," and that the Ulster Defense Association has published a document outlining its own scenario for an ethnic cleansing of Ulster — using some Catholics as pawns and allowing for "nullification" of others to reduce

The document ends merrily by saying that "the process could be finished within one-two weeks." To conceive of such a plan is one thing, but to publish it can mean only that the UDA hopes to goad the IRA

demands on food supplies.

into greater bursts of violence. Brave and colorful words were heard after the Downing Street declaration, but, as with many a peace process, there have been setbacks. Mr. Major says Mr. Adams's demand for clarifications is merely a cynical act to win further concessions. But "concessions" is too opaque a term in this context, because any child would understand that the issue is the ultimate fate of Ulster: whether it is to remain

in the United Kingdom or not.

Mr. Adams, for his part, wants the British government to start to "persuade" Unionists that assimilation with the Republic is the only way forward. It would be a gargantuan task to get any prime minister to undertake such a job of persuasion — doubly so for Mr. Major, who depends on the Unionist vote in the House of Commons and who said at the recent Conservative Party conference, "We are all Conservatives here,

we are all Unionists here. I believe that Mr. Adams does want to see an end to violence. Asked on a radio program in Dublin last week whether he had moved forward from his 1983 statement that armed struggle was necessary and morally correct, he replied, "Absolutely."

But the path is strewn with obsta-

cles, political and psychological.
There is the Protestant hard-liner lan Paisley saying. "We're not in the business of getting anyone to talk to Gerry Adams about anything. And other Unionists proposing that Mr. Adams be put in quarantine "to be decontaminated." And Catholics, North and South, who are tired, weary and ashamed of the 25 years of bloodshed and brutality, all wanting

There is, too, the specter of a feud within the Provisional IRA, with the former president of Sinn Fein, Rusiri O Bradaigh — who was ousted by Mr. Adams and younger bloods saying on television that Mr. Adams and his colleague Martin McGuinness were "damaged goods" for hav-ing entertained the idea of peace talks

these manifold realities, there cannot

Yet surprisingly, he remains opti-mistic, calling the peace process an irreversible thrust."

The writer, whose next novel will be

with Britain. For Mr. Adams, caught between

be a sound night's sleep. Asked what he thinks about when he lies awake at night, he replies, forlornly, "To get

His task, knife-edged, requires acumen, good formine, a Job-like sto-icism and a miraculous touch for hauling the people out of the morass of mistrust, harred and paranois on both sides of the divide.

"House of Splendid Isolation," con-tributed this comment to The New

By Philip Bowring D AVOS, Switzerland — Afghanistan is often viewed as yesterday's war, of little consequence to anyone but the unfortunate Afghans. That perception is dangerously wrong Unless the various parties who at various times fueled the flames of the conflict make a concert. ed effort to douse them. Afghanistan may cease to exist. The fallout for stability in Central Asia would be immense, and could have a knock-on

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effect in both West and South Asia. Regional tensions over Afghanistan surfaced here in Davos on Sunday at a panel discussion involving Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pa-kistan and the presidents of Uzbeki-stan, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Turk-menistan. The four were there to talk about regional economic coopera-tion, of which there has been a considerable amount, especially involv-

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ing the four Turkic countries. But Uzbekistan's robust president, Islam Karimov, took Miss Bhutto to task for suggesting that Islamic fun-damentalism was not a problem in the region. He demanded that the United Nations pay much more attention to the Afghan problem, and Subsequently made clear that he viewed Pakistan, whose prime minurister still talks about Afghanistan as having been "liberated," as a stumbling block to involving the United Nations di-

rectly in the Alghan situation.

That may be unfair. Pakistan may have done more than most in the past to fan the flames, but it has made efforts to bring some of the warring parties, in particular Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and President Burhanuddin Rabbani, together.

Meanwhile, Uzbekistan has been maintaining relations with the Uzbek warlord in Afghanistan, former Com-munist General Rashid Dostum, carrently in an improbable alliance of convenience with Mr. Hekmatyar. General Dostum controls large parts of the north of the country bordering on Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

Mr. Karimov, also a reformed Communist, has plenty of evidence from neighboring and chaotic Tajikistan that the forces of fundamentalist disruption are formidable and have roots stretching back not just to Afghani-stan's various factions but to Pakistan and ultimately to Saudi Arabian and

Libyan money and moral support. Mr. Karimov's position is important. He remains close to Moscow and makes no bones about his belief that Russia is the guarantor of stability in Central Asia -- as indeed has been the case in Tajikistan. But he presides over what is not only the most populous of Central Asian states but also the most coherent eth-

nically -70 percent of the 22 million people are Uzbeks. In any breakup of Afghanistan tries would end up with the pieces Pakistan getting the biggest slice in terms of population, and Uzbekistan, Tailkistan and Iran the rest. But that is a recipe for upsetting the already delicate balance of Pakistan, and for vholesale redrawing of Central Asian

boundaries on ethnic lines. Afghanistan may no longer have its raison d'être as buffer state between British and Russian empires and between Communist and non-Communist worlds. But it is not in the interest of any of the neighbors, with the possible exception of funds mentalist Iran, to want to see the demise of a multiethnic and predomi-

nantly secular state. That is what will happen if this war goes on until the arms stocks left by Russian and Western intervention are exhausted. It will be too late to

put Afghanistan back together. The issue is important economically as well. The Central Asian states have resources and reasonably educated populations, but suffer the tyranny of distance from the outside world. Rail and road links to east and west are being improved, but the closest sea is the Indian Ocean via Afghanistan. Pakistan has a big interest in becoming a gateway to Central Asia for business from the rest of Asia, but while Afghanistan is unsta-

ble, nothing can happen.
The situation can seem hopeless. Given the weakness of Miss Bhutto's government, it is unlikely to want to address the Afghan problem vigorously unless the West is prepared to help, among other things by leaning on its Saudi friends. But in-ternational involvement should give Pakistan the strength of mind to cooperate with Uzbekistan and any other willing neighbors to impose a peace, seizing the arms stockpiles and withdrawing succor from the warlords. It can be done.

International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Perishable Books

PARIS --- M. Delisle, principal librarian at the Bibliothèque Nationale, warns us that our modern literature is destined to perish. Of the 2,000 and France, not one, he thinks, will remain after a certain time. Old-fashioned paper, made from rags, has stood the test of hundreds of years, as the many fine specimens of fifteenth-century printing show. Nowadays, however, ing show. Nowadays, however, paper is made of all sorts of material of a more or less perishable character. In particular, as M. Deliale points out. books printed on paper made from wood pulp soon begin to rot away.

1919: Grasping in Europe PARIS - Macedonia was long looked upon as the very last word in politico-ethnological confusion. It has even furnished the names for a

fruit salad that is the acme of gastro-

nomic anarchy. But Macedonia now

where Czechs and Poles, Rosma-nians and Serbians, Hungarians and Czechs are disputing, when not actually fighting, about territorial claims. Acting on the principle that posses-sion is nine points of the law, each of the rival groups is trying to forestall the decisions of the Peace Conference by getting a grip on covered areas. 1944: Closer to Tokio

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New York edition: | United States matines and Army troops, supported by the most powerful naval striking force in history, have battled ashore on Kwajalein Atoli in a successful opening of the greatest combined op-cration of the Pacific war. Clouds of planes supported the troops as they splashed across the coral reefs and met fierce resistance from the defend. ers. The attacks put American troops on soil approximately as close to Toloo as the Japanese were to the contineatal United States on the day of the has a serious rival in Central Europe, sneak attack, Dec. 7, 1941.

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OPINION

Cheating the Institutions A Society Needs Most

By Richard Harwood

WASHINGTON — When Derck Bok retired from the presidency of Harvard University in 1991, he spent a year at Stanford writing a book: "The Cost of Talent." It is a study of who earns

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what and why. "What is one to make of a world," he writes, "in which modern communication allows a Madonna to earn tens of millions of dollars, while a rock group, New Kids on the Block, with claims to enduring musical distinction that are tenuous at best, receives over one hundred million dollars in a

single two-year period?" By my calculations, the payroll for just two football teams — the Washington Redskins and the San

Pay scales in America fill schools, government and social agencies with mediocrities — though they are at the front line in the battle against..... crime, unemployment and eroding values.

Francisco 49ers — is greater than the salaries of the Clinton cabinet, the president, the vice president and all the members of Congress combined. Super Bowl benchwarmers are paid more than the

secretary of state. "Economists," says Mr. Bok, will respond that if we do not let the market decide matters of compensation, who will? Yet even if no etter alternative comes to mind, thoughtful people will look upon the results, not with comprehension and respect, but with bewil-

dered disbelief." Mr. Bok's real concerns are not with football players and entertainers whose enormous incomes can be rationalized (if not justified) in supply and demand terms. His focus is on the career choices of America's most talented college students. Lured by big money, "the best and the brightest" have been drawn increasingly to law, medicine and corporate careers rather than to teaching, government, the ministry and other occupations

with a public service cachet. From 1970 to 1990 only I percent of the top students in the cite private colleges and only I percent

ed for business, law or medicine The number of medical school graduates doubled from 1960 to 1990, the number of law school ites quintupled and the numgraduates quintuples and the country more ber of lawyers in the country more in tripled — from 247,000 to 757,000. Equally dramatic was the bloating of business school enroll-6,500 MBAs were award ed in 1971 and 73,000 in 1989. Undergraduate degrees in business grew during those years from 115,000 to 246,000 annually.

We cannot justify the earnings of leading professionals merely by invoking the principles of market competition," Mr. Bok says. "Nor can we explain such high incomes by citing the need to induce able people to enter the profession and strive hard for success. The thousands of applicants each year who cannot gain admission to any school of law or medicine indicate that earnings in these professions are higher than a free market would allow."

Top graduates can start at \$60,000 a year at the big law firms. MBAs are starting at \$35,000 to \$40,000. The average income of doctors is \$170,000 a year, with some specialists earning far more. By academic standards, these

graduates were the cream of the crop. Their average College Board stores in 1991 ranged from 1,157 to 1,222, compared with the mean of 873. Future elementary and secondary school teachers averaged 847. Only "public affairs" and home economics majors had lower scores.

Factors other than money obviously influence career choices: "the interest of the work involved - its intellectual challenge, the opportunities to be creative and exercise the kinds of people who will be your colleagues, the freedom to live by your own ethical values, the chance to help others." But money-talks. In 1970, about 40 percent of the incoming college freshmen listed "being very well off financially" as a very important" goal. By 1990 it was a goal of 75 percent of the freshmen. We see this in journalism; 75 percent of the people in our newsrooms, according to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, aspire to managerial rather than writing and eporting careers.

The prestige of an occupation is a factor, too, and in that respect government service has suffered substantially since the 1930s, when New Deal brain trusters set out to change the world, and since the 1960s, when many of the best and brightest" flocked to the New Frontier that beckoned in Washington. Today the image of public service is tarnished. Cynicism about politics, politicians and "bureaucrats" is high; "trust in

government" is low. The media have helped create these attitudes through constant hsparagement of the competence and character of public employees and politicians. At the same time, not surprisingly, efforts to raise compensation levels to attract abler people to government and teaching are met with public resistance.

Still, some of the marketplace distortions that most disturb Mr. Bok and other critics seem to be moderand other critics seem to be moderating. The average salary of law firm associates — a majority of American lawyers — is \$72,000, which is less than many senior government officials are paid, lawyers included. College and university salaries are not stratospheric but are reaching respeciable levels—an average of \$80,280 a year for full professors chose to teach in public schools at large private universities and \$63,250 a year at public universities and the same numbers chose can be seen a public university. About the same numbers chose can be written public school administrators in the federal government. The Writing public school administrators of the public school administrato

classroom teachers are in the \$50,000-plus range. quainted with what passes for af-inence; salaries of \$60,000 to \$100,000 a year are common on large newspapers, where editors sometimes earn a good deal more than the average neurosurgeon.

But these numbers do not necessarily speak to the larger problem Mr. Bok sees: the diversion of the

best minds from the needs and opportunities of public service. Afficat in a sea of social problems ranging from education to crime, remployment and an erosion minimizarian values, are we Americans filling with mediocrities the institutions we rely on to deal with those problems - schools, social and governmental agencies of every kind? Mr. Bok suggests as much. If he is right, we're in deeper trouble than we think.

The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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East Asia and that they offer many

Palestinian Deaths

The journalist includes statistics

on the number of Palestimans and

Israelis killed since the peace ac-

But no peace accord was signed, only a declaration of principles to lay the groundwork for a peace accord if all the conditions out-

lined in the declaration are met.

The report on the number of

Palestinians killed includes those

terrorist attacks against Israelis?

Let Taiwan Be Taiwan

France and China announced last month that they would resum

friendly relations, after a year-long

chill precipitated by the sale of

French Mirage fighters to Taiwan.

The price for reconciliation was a

French government commitment to ban future sales of offensive

weaponry to Taiwan. The govern

ment in Paris also affirmed that it

recognizes the People's Republic

as the sole legal government of

China, and Taiwan as an integral

part of Chinese territory." Certain-

ly this seems like a paltry price to

pay for lucrative subway projects,

building contracts and investment

opportunities in China Because ul-

timately, the price will be borne

not by the French, but by the 21 million people of Taiwan.

be accorded to the government that

has exercised de facto rule over the

island, then the PRC claim to Tai-

wan is weakened. Since the estab-

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to prohibit the publishing of criti-cism of governing powers. East Asian Values It is certainly true, as Mr. Koh

Regarding "The 10 Values That Undergird East Asian Strength and Success" (Opinion, Dec. 11) by Tommy Koh:

The author offers what he be-heves are 10 "East Asian" values that are needed for a "better world." Several of them require a response: It is ludicrous to assert that in Western societies, the individual puts his interests above all others" and is unable to "balance his interests with those of family and society." This is belied by the facts: Millions of Western families struggle to put their children through school; individuals work cooperatively in companies, and pay taxes for the benefit of society - just as their Asian counterparts do. The

fact that Western legal systems up-hold the sanctity of the individual against state tyranny does not mean that individuals are isolated from families and communities. Divorce rates are low in some Asian countries (although they are rising rapidly) in part because of inherent biases in divorce laws which regularly award custody of children and material wealth held jointly by the couple to the male, regardless of the circumstances of the divorce. Many women in Ja-

pan, Taiwan and the rest of Asia live in loveless marriages. Asian value, many Westerners also

osider it a virtue. Many Asians are waking up to the cheap sensation of having been swindled as they discover that the governments they have voted for year after year were enaged in systematic corruption. Recent sweeping electoral changes in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, and the appearance of new splinter parties, have sent a powerful message to bloated and decrepit political parties that cor-

ruption will not be tolerated. A "morally wholesome environment"? Many Asian governments like to pretend that pornography and prostitution are distinctly Western. What a fairy tale.

Free press? A journalist is arrested in Singapore for publishing an economic growth-rate statistic that was deemed a "state secret." Press responsibility is a code phrase used lishment of the People's Republic in

1949, the Beijing government has never played a role in the political or economic affairs of Taiwan. concludes, that there is much to be In this century, Taiwan has evolved from an agricultural colony to an industrialized democracy. lessons for Western nations. Mr. Compared with the bloody and Koh, however, has not rediscovtraumatic political transformations of other countries, Taiwan is a shining model. After 38 years of martial law, the people of Taiwan peacefully toppled an authoritar-ian regime and built a multiparty democracy in its place. In 1992, the Regarding "6 Killed as Israeli-PLO Violence Flares" (Jan. 15) by Taiwanese elected their own par-

isment for the first time. Countries that criticize China for torturing its people, practicing genocide in Tibet, and suppressing emocracy in Hong Kong for some reason accept Beijing's demand that Taiwan and China be unified. Countries eager to appease China for economic, diplomatic or geopo-litical reasons parrot the ill-founded claim that Taiwan is part of China. The world ignores the voice of the Taiwanese. But by endorsing Palestinians killed micinies those eliminated by Palestinian death squads as alleged collaborators ("alleged" because no trials were held). Why no mention of Palestinians killed before, during or after terrorist attacks against legacits? Beijing's claim on Taiwan, governments exacerbate the problem.

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A South African Friend

Assassinated! It was not the sort of news you expect to hear about someone you know. Patford Shuma, personal assistant to the deputy general secretary of the African National Congress, had been killed while he waited at a bus stop.

Patford had been a student of mine, a recent graduate of Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec, and a grateful friend of Canada. He had been forced to flee South Africa for political reasons.

I first met Patford in September 1991 when he enrolled in my international relations and comparative politics courses. We developed a quiet friendship, and the day he received his newly minted South African passport — his ticket home - he shared his joy with me. He had been away from his wife and child for three years.

He lived to be reunited with them. And he lived to see a date set for South Africa's first nonracial election. He lived to see apartheid officially eliminated. His brutal death must not obscure the precious victories of a brief lifetime.

LAWRENCE T. WOODS. Prince George, British Columbia.

The Kind and the Caring Outnumbered the Rest

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By A. M. Rosenthal

groups of people, the center of life now is not a house or apartment or place of work. It is an open field somewhere in Los Angeles.

The men and women made homeless in the 30 seconds of the Jan. 17 earthquake wait in those scattered fields or in park mead-

MEANWHILE

ows, worrying through their waking hours about whatever will happen to them and their children now that their address is nothing but a number painted on a tent.

That is one group - refugees in their own city, a couple of miles from what was home. Moving and working among them are other men and women come not out of need but out of their own sense of purpose — the volunteers. They distribute food and water, soft toys to children, and to the parents their

special gift — respect.

Some come in the vans of the Red Cross, the Salvation Army or the Seventh Day Adventists. Some just drive up in their own cars, ask how they can be most useful and set to it. Walking around, listening and talking, I felt that to the ear the volunteers had an unusual tone: They spoke without a note of hurry

or trace of rasp in their voices. Then, as I drove away, another voice of Los Angeles came over the radio — the high, shrill tone of hatred from callers to a talk show. The callers screamed their anger and contempt about the tent people. Sometimes they said they were angry because the refugees were "illegal" immigrants taking money from American taxpayers. "What the hell is going on in this country?" one woman shouted and then thought-

fully gave her telephone number.

But through the calls and the nasty talk of a few local politicians ran not obsession with illegalities but with foreigners themselves meaning Mexicans and other Hispanies in California. The earthquake and the care needed by the homeless gave them the chance to spew it all out, louder and fouler.

I had been trying to find out for myself whether the terrible shock of the earthquake somehow had changed people - made them kinder, meaner, more considerate or less, anything or nothing. In that field on Winnetka Ave-

nue and in the car and all through the visit I realized that although the earthquake had not altered the personalities or basic attitudes of people who went through it, it did bring out so much of what was

OS ANGELES - For two already in them that it made a difference in their lives and the lives of those whom they touched. They seemed to become "more - more compassionate if they had compassion in them, more an-

gry if it was hate that had filled Some shopkeepers showed up at tent camps to distribute bottled water and batteries for flashlights.

They had not done that kind of thing before, relief work. Other shopkeepers raised price on things like bottled water and

batteries. To them it seemed the natural thing to do.

The Los Angeles Times ran a study showing that the homes left by the tent people remained truly dangerous. But the cynical, cherishing their cynicism, insist that the reason the refugees stay away from home is "superstition" - meaning unconquerable foreignness.

I heard stories of the homeless sharing food stamps with people even worse off. And I read stories of food-stamp swindlers. I heard endless recitations against stupid

housing inspectors. But one newspaperman had a sense of courtesy and gratitude in him. He wrote a public thank-you to an inspector he had once cursed out for insisting that he spend an extra \$12,000 to bolster his house against earthquakes, an order that saved his home on Jan. 17.

Some people gave in deeper to the despair to which they had surrendered for so long. Others told more jokes. In Santa Monica a storekeeper looked at his stock and decided he had on his hands not disaster but a bargain for the wise "Sale: Earthquake-Damaged Bike Liquidation.*

But the balance sheet shows more bravery than cowardice, more government efficiency than sloppiness. More people found more kindness in themselves than more nastiness. The people shouting hatred at foreigners will go on doing so; the earthquake made it easier. But in the field on Winnetka Avenue the volunteers seem much more important these days, just doing their work of distributing water and respect.

The New York Times.

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BOOKS

TOO MARVELOUS FOR WORDS: The Life and Genius of Art Tatum

By James Lester. 240 pages. \$25. Oxford.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

RT TATUM was a jazz pia-A nist who, like many others among the clite of that music, preferred to be thought of simply as a musician, one who was, in Duke Ellington's signature phrase, beyond category." The record - and the recordings - suggest that he was right. In the most literal sense of the term, he was sui generis.
"Tatum was there to define the limits of the possible." James Lester writes in "Too Marvelous for

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000 bookstores throughout the United States.

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eems to have recognized. In a remarkably perceptive passage, Lester writes that "the clearest light can be thrown on Tatum . . . if we see him as a displaced person, a kind of outsider, keeping alive an old tradition (piano virtnosity) in an alien country (jazz). The virtnosity was nothing less than breathtaking. Oscar Peterson, who knows a thing

or two about the bravura, heard a Tatum recording as a child and said, "Who are those two guys?" Jose Iturbi said: "He can play what I can play but I cannot play what he can play." Fats Waller said: "When that men turns on the powerhouse, don't no one play him down. He sounds like a brass band."

Almost alone in the history of jazz, argues that being both black and Tatum was first and foremost a blind, Tatum would have been fated

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Words," as everyone who heard soloist. He played and recorded with groups of various sizes, but he was happiest — and best — when playing by himself. In part that was ecause no one else could keep up with him; in larger part it was because his music was self-contained, requiring no one except himself to

give it full expression. He was born in 1909 in Ohio, into a black family of modest prosperity; as a mechanic of some sort, and he had regular and steady employment during most of Art's and "the Tatums were a solid and church-going family," Lester wittes. Tatum started playing the piano early, which was remarkable in itself but doubly so because he was partially blind. On this, too, A brass band of one, that is. Lester is perceptive and original. He

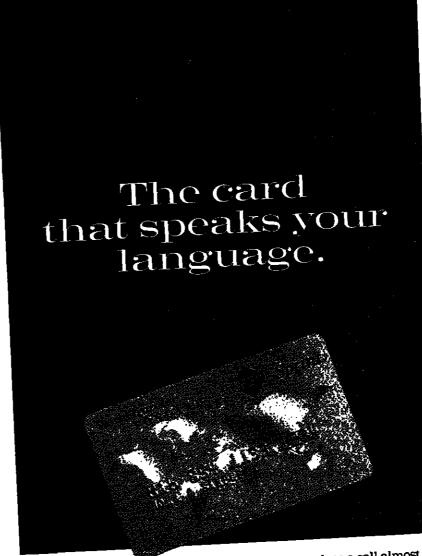
to marginal employment had it not been for jazz, within which "he could improvise a career, make a career out of improvising, invent a path for himself, take advantage of fast-changing musical developments, and even influence the course of those developments."

To be sure in Tanum's case as in so many others, jazz gave and jazz took away. On the one hand it provided a place where a brilliant but essentially unlettered musician could give his gifts full expression on the other it was the ground in which he was invited to sow the seeds of his own destruction. He was a prodigious, Herculean boozer to whom a bottle of Scotch with a case of Pabst Blue Ribbon as chaser was all in a day's pleasur he died in 1956 at the age of 47.

His great fortune - or, more accurately, ours - was not merely that his life coincided with the birth of jazz, but that jazz coincided with the birth of sound recording, Jazz. being, as has often been said, in large measure a music of the moment, Tatum was permitted by tocordings to leave a legacy that only comple of generations before would have been beyond his reach or anyone else's.

What Lester has written is biography more in form than in fact, since so many particulars of Tatum's life have been lost, yet he manages to capture what seems the essence of the man; a good, decent fellow whose entire existence revolved around the music it was his fate and genius to make. Among the space of jazz biographies that have been inflicted upon us in recent years, "Too Marvelous for Words" stands out from the crowd.

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'The Skriker': Tripping Into the Unknown

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribun

ONDON - Let's at least try to make some sense of the title: Caryl Churchill's "The Skriker" (at the Cottesloe) is a malevolent spirit capable of changing character and shape as it time-travels across the centuries

seeking love or revenge or enlightenment. Here, as played by Kathryn Hunter in a bravura turn, she can emerge from the innards of a sofa, disguise herself as a beggar or a wealthy American socialite, cause coins and toads to drop from the mouths of her

So what is "The Skriker" actually about? message in there somewhere, if only about the power of the imagination. There are ballets, cocktail parties, scenes in a madhouse, all written in a language that suggests an unholy alliance between James Joyce and Spike Milligan. Sentences ramble on into entire acts, there's a subplot involving two girls in a clinic, one of whom may have murdered the other's baby, and

Had Caryl Churchill not been the author of "Top Girls" or "Cloud Nine," this one would, I suspect, not have made it much further than a studio-workshop improvisation for advanced students of drama and/or psychiatry. As it is, Les Waters gives it a

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mesmeric National staging, one that implies that the whole affair could well be a druginduced bad dream or a psychedelic trip into the dramatic unknown.

We are on very much firmer ground, or rather several hundred feet beneath it, with Clearly it's a performance piece rather than a play, and clearly Churchill does have a sa powerful coal-face thriller that also man-Mike Cullen's "The Cut" (at the Bush). This ages to be a bitter obituary for the pits. Dragged from the miners' strike headlines of a decade ago, this is the story of the man who was killed by a rock hurled from a motorway bridge, or, more accurately, of what then could have happened to his killer.

Fictional with a factual basis, Cullen's

play explores a murder and a cover-up and a betrayal, all the while with one eye on the through it all lurches and weaves and cack-les the Skriker herself, a death portent, and the other on the aftermath of the most

force their own discipline, fatal to those who fail to understand or obey it.

Like the courtroom of "Twelve Angry Men" or the battleship of "The Caine Muti-ny," the pit offers the perfect closed, clausrophobic environment in which to examine human behavior at its most basic, and what Cullen gives us is a cross-section of mining types: There's the loyal worker, the traitor, company man, the one with his eye on the future even if that future does seem not worth the candle. This is a grainy, gritty murder thriller that also goes way further than most toward explaining just what did happen down in the mines to speed their collapse and closure.

At the Greenwich is a joyous revival of Jeremy Sams's 1992 award-winning revival "Schippel the Plumber," the musical comedy about the downmarket laborer joining an upmarket chamber quartet, which the late C. P. Taylor carved out of Carl Sternheim's

ancient and damaged, but also as ever-young as Puck or Peter Pan. violent period in mining history. This is a social insecurities, Taylor has fashioned a tough account of one man's murder and the rather more Shavian debate about the imporwhole Scargill industry's collective suicide. tance of accents and attitudes in a closed The author worked in the mines for several bourgeois society. James Saxon's rotund, joyears, and what he is telling us is that the pits vial plumber knows that there is no quartet without him and is therefore able to clamber up his own ladder to social acceptability. seeing princes and puritanical bureaucrats quake before his magnificent lungs. Lez Brotherston's production rightly goes all out

> At the Union Chapel in Islington, Daniel Abineri's "Bad Boy Johnny and the Prophets of Doom" has already brought down upon itself the wrath of the Catholic Church, though the show seems to me about as threatening to the Pope as "The Rocky Horror Show" was to Dracula.

In one back-to-basics leap we have returned to early Mary Whitehouse years, with rent-a-quote priests telephoned for comments on shows they have yet to see and drama critics set up as guardians of morality in churches they are unlikely to have visited before or since. All this is is a minor rock opera with a good score and a classic. "Bürger Schippel." bad book. Meanwhile, we have the British
This is gentle reading of the original: In
place of a savage 1913 satire on German
morality, and it is not a pretty sight.



Rock's Hall of Fame, a Shrine to Nostalgia?

By Jon Pareles New York Times Service

EW YORK — This is really no time to be cynical about the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame. The building in Cleveland, so long in the planning stages, has been under construction since June; a chief curator who has strong credentials in documenting popular music, James Henke (a longtime Rolling Stone editor), has

But the ninth annual induction ceremonies, which took place on Jan. 19 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, only made it clearer that the Hall of Fame will have difficulties rising above the tensions that are at the heart of rock music: between art and commerce between rebellion and accommodation, between impetuous youth and established institutions.

At best, the hall will finally tell the story of late-20th-century music from a rockers' perspective. But younger fans may see it as one last attempt by baby boomers to impose their now outmoded aesthet-

The annual event always features public reconciliations; this year, Paul McCartney presented the hall's award for John Lennon's solo career to Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and their son, Sean, after he

had stayed away from the Beatles' induction in 1988, when he cited business differences.

McCartney has also patched things up with George Harrison and Ringo Starr, and the three plan to record together for a documentary on the Beatles. The induction ceremony, like the

Hall of Fame, tries to give rock some long-term memory, declaring that the music proceeds by evolution rather than revolution and that each generation reveres its predecessors - bey, no Oedipal conflict

In its early years, the current sions have grown considerably less

stars presenting the awards would admit where they stole some of their best licks; then the new members of the hall would graciously pretend they didn't resent other people cashing in on their original ideas. At the end, they would all perform together in an anarchic jam session, as if insisting that the music is a continuing

Lately, as the hall has begun to produce its ceremony for eventual implicit promise is to create a nar-television broadcast, the jam ses-rative of rock history that's differ-

This year, performers were reading lyrics off a TelePrompTer, so Axl Rose and Bruce Springsteen didn't need to memorize the non sequiturs of Lennon's "Come Together," as millions of fans have. A sense of shared heritage dissolved

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into a pro forma tribute.

The hall's main mission is to create a rock canon: Here are its most important figures, its founding fathers (and a few foremothers). The

ent (and more significant) than a simple tally of the Top 10, that recognizes influential people

But to do so, the hall had to assume that there were tributaries - blues, country, jazz, Tin Pan Alley, rhythm-and-blues - running into a well-defined mainstream, which the hall's choices

would define year by year.

Actually, rock has always been more contentious than that, some-times defining itself in opposition to pop (whatever that is), often running along many separate but par-allel tracks, generally sneering at

old fogies.

Lately it has been growing more tribalistic, not less. And the tribe that chooses members of the Hall of Fame, a pool of musicbusiness and music-media people, seems to be dominated by wellmeaning but often myopic baby

boomers.

Younger fans might wonder whether the hall will simply institutionalize boomers' tame. "lite radio" tastes rather than honor rock's noise and icon-busting.

At the Waldorf, the most youthful rocker on stage was Dave Pirner, 29, of Soul Asvlum, who presented this year's award to The Animals. Groups that arrived in the 1990s were absent.

ERHAPS it was merely an aberration — last year, Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder sang with the surviving members of The Doors - but it may also signify current rock's in-creasing lack of interest in any kind of rock pantheon. All the past is just a sample away; why act so plete the cycle in four more next reverent? The hall's rule that its new mem-

least 25 years was intended to mercial fads, and for a while it worked; pioneers like Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, the Everly Brothers shield choices from current comand Little Richard got what they records over several years in the But the longevity of rock careers means the 1960s are still with us,

and some of this year's choices -Rod Stewart, Elton John — hon-ored continuing commercial visi-bility as much as overwhelming influence. Were The Animals really more

important than eligible candidates like The Velvet Underground. Frank Zappa or George Clinton? With the Beatles already in the hall, does John Lennon need his own

But why should any working mu-sician be so dannted by history that; he (or she) gives up in advance? A true rock Hall of Famer ought to blast away now, and let posterity

Abdel Rahman El Bacha is recording and performing Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas. Breaking Cultural Bounds

Beethoven and Arab-Western Tradition

By David Stevens tional Revold Tribune

ARIS — Even in a fastchanging and disorderly world, crossing cultural boundaries is still a lot rarer than passing over geographical frontiers, although elective affinities and early training can make for exceptions.

Around midday last Sunday at the Théâtre du Châtelet, Abdel Rahman El Bacha reached the midway point in his encounter with one Western civilization's monumental bodies of work - Beethodrawn large and enthusiastic audiences to the recitals and will conseason. The French Forlane label has just issued the ninth and last bers must have been active for at compact disk of his recording of the vast Beethoven cycle.

> This in itself does not make the early 1930s, before the labor-saving invention of the tape recorder. Al-fred Brendel is also again part of the way through the complete cycle in the concert hall, his second in Paris and umpteenth overall live and in the recording studio. But they are major exponents of the German school of pianism, and El Bacha comes from somewhere else, where culturally and by training this tradition is not so obvious.

> He was born in 1958 in Beirut into a family of professional musi-cians of dual cultural background, so the anomaly is more apparent

> "My father was a professor of music and a composer in both Arab and Western traditions, and my mother was singer of both traditional and popular music," he recalled.

There was a public for Western whose intellectual rigor and aristomusic in Beirut, reinforced by events like the Baalbek Festival."

El Bacha grew up with "a pas-sion for music" in both traditions. Attracted first to the violin, he switched his loyalties to the piano, beginning study on the keyboard at age 9 with Zvart Sarkissian, who had been a pupil of Marguerite Long and Jacques Février, two pillars of French pianism. At 10 he gave his first concert

with an orchestra and, having been encouraged by Claudio Arrais, at 15 he gave a recital that attracted such attention that he was offered study bourses by Britain, the Soviet ven's 32 piano sonatas. He has Union and France. Given Leba-drawn large and enthusiastic audi-non's cultural affinities with France and his own car the choice was almost obvious. At the Paris Conservatoire he

studied piano with Pierre Sancan, but did not limit himself to the instrument, and eventually left the conservatoire with four first prizes — miano, chamber music, harmony and counterpoint

Then, in 1978, came the international launching pad, with a unani-mous victory and the Prix du Public in the Queen Elisabeth of Belgium Competition, one of the really prestigious events in a musical world seriously overcrowded with competitions. But it is easy to be swallowed up in frenetic concertizing after such a triumph, and El Bacha decided to withdraw for a few months from the concert scramble.

"I thought it was better to build my repertory and to reflect a bit." he said. "So I didn't take everything I was offered. I thought it was the best way to arrive at artistic maturity."

His interest in the chamber music and symphonic repertories and in composing has colored his ap-proach to performing, as have two particular pianistic models. Through recordings he learned to

admire particularly Schnabel,

cratic style make him the "most" complete" of pianists. Another was Dinn Lipatti, the Romanian pian whose death in 1950 at age 33 is still mourned, and in whom El Bacha cited the "total transparency and equilibrium of aesthetic beauty and expressive simplicity."

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FI Bacha has built a big repertory centered on the Viennese classics, but including also Chopin, Rachma-ninoff, Ravel and Prokofiev, whose percussive manner he finds tempered by lyne warmth. Forthcomin include one of sciotRavel works (he has already recorded the two concertos) and one of Schnnn, including the squata called rto Without Orchestra," for which he prepared his own version. His recordings have collected their share of awards.

E also married a French woman, and they live with their Paris exurbs. But although he has dual citizenship, his conversation suggests that he still lives in two worlds to a degree.

"I was born a Muslim, and my name has not made things easier, although I try to ignore that. "I have reflected a lot. I love Islam. Truth is eternal, but it manifests itself differently. Everyone needs his roots."

On the concert platform, the tail, reserved pianist is all sobriety and near immobility. His French train-ing shows mostly in hands that stay close to the keys and in the clarity of his playing although he also seems to be able to get surprisingly ample tone when he needs it. On the other hand, his affinity for the German repertory is reflected in his unshowy, structurally solid approach.

"After all, I suppose music is my country," he said.

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Hard Times for Comics Festival

By John Rockwell
New York Times Service

NGOULEME, France - This proud city, a landmark in Roman and medieval Aquitaine, has in re-Cent years become the comics capital of Europe. Its annual International Comics Festival, now in its 21st year, was blessed by the Socialists, visited regularly by Jack Lang and once, in 1985, by President François Mitterrand. The Socialists even managed to build an imposing museum, the National Comics Center with postmodernist architecture embracing the ruins of a 19th-century paper mill.

But a visit to this year's festival revealed a curious blend of vitality, charm and anachronism. Though by now a recognized literary tradition in France — and worldwide, too, to judge by rampant sales in Japan and the Pulitzer Prize for Art Spiegelman's "Maus" - the comic book shows signs of age.

The festival began as a cozy get-together of comics artists, many of whom had been inspired by American underground comics and the French student rebellion of 1968. It soon became institutionalized, however, and today offers prizes in various categories, display booths by the hundreds, back rooms for distribution and rights deals, private parties by comics publishers, a press center with forums and conferences. more conferences at the museum, exhibitions and homages all over town film screenings. theatrical presentations and pop music.

The very weight of all these trappings, as well as the assumption of a chunk of the festival's \$2 million budget by a supermarket chain when the financially pressed city of Angouleme withdrew its support, has alienated some. One group of artists noisily withdrew this year, cit-

Such disgruntlement comes during a time of economic stagnation in comic-book sales in France - and, some fear, creative stagnation, although Angoulème officials deny that insistently. Reflecting the festival's institutional mindser, visitors were greeted this year with a blizzard of statistics, dutifully recycled in the special comics supplements that major French newspapers publish at this time each year.

Included was the unsurprising information that comics readers are mostly young but inchide, depending on the genre, all ages. Also, that farmers tend to read fewer counies than anyone else. But the underlying stark fact is that sales and publications are down. In a Le Monde article entitled "Malaise in the Ninth Art"—this being the customary if grandiose way of referring to comics here, with film and television the seventh and eighth — new publications in 1993 were noted as down 23 percent from 1991.

This decline has a lot to do with the recession, to be sure, especially since French comics are mostly "graphic novels" issued in handsome hard-cover albums that cost \$10 to \$15. But it may also reflect the failure of the comics industry and of its Angoulème forum to keep abreast of video games and interactive computer pro-

grams, which aren't reflected here at all. Jean-Paul Coumont, the festival's director, stressed in an interview that the festival wished to preserve its slightly clubby status. Or boys' clubby: The majority of the serious comics readers in France are male, as is the vast majority of the artists, which no doubt explains the Barbarella-style pouty eroticism of so many of the female characters (overtly erotic comics are

ing "the fact that the festival has become prodi-siously commercialized." attempted to develop the festival, to explore new media, we would have to be very prudent

not to antagonize the artists." not to anizagouize the artists."

One success at this year's festival was a Danish-Belgian production of a classic graphic novel, "Eva," by the Belgian Didier Comès. Mimed to recorded sound effects and French-voice-overs, which effectively replaced the speech balloous of the comics original, the stage version proved a truly incomices predecing of version proved a truly ingenious rendering of Comes's black-and-white, erotically charged tale of a mini-skirted ingenue who falls into the clutches of incestmously linked male and female

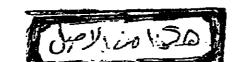
Still, like the Angouleme festival itself, the Shil, like the Angouleme restront usen, the translation to the stage seemed as much a reversion to the past as a breakthrough to the future. What makes comics on the page retain their power is their invitation to the reader's imagination, a space for quasi-interactive creativity that animated films, interactive video and live action all deny.

That said, the future is not all gloomy for the Angoulème festival. Although the new, conservative Minister of Culture, Jacques Toubon, has not yet visited, he seems content to continue his support.

"I have the feeling that the right has accepted 'Socialist cultural policies," said Gerard Lanzier, the president of this year's jury and the winner of its grand prize last year. "After all, culture was one of the few successes of the left."

Even Angonlême's insistence on the printed page may prove a strength, or so Commont, hopes. Books have hardly been eliminated by films and television, despite gloomy predictations. Despite Angoulème's resistance to the new and its tawdry commerciality, maybe this lestival knows what it is doing after all refebrating an art form that has been challenged by a big business in France).

"It is necessary to be very careful," Commons said, carefully. "We are a little family. If we placed by them.



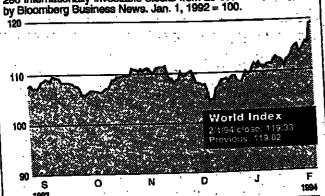


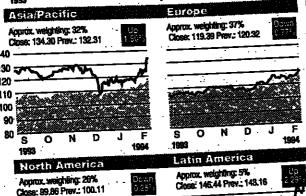
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EU Warns Of Aid Cut For Steel Goal Is to Slash

Output Capacity By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune BRUSSELS — The European Commission threatened Tuesday to cancel hundreds of millions of dollars of restructuring aid to private steelmakers and open up the European market to greater imports unless the companies present plans for big cuts in production capacity within two months. Industry Commissioner Martin

Bangemann said the aid promised by the European Union has been approved only through the end of March. Although that date can be extended, he made clear that it would require concrete plans from industry to do so.

EU aid "all depends on a clearcut perspective of laying off of ca-pacity," Mr. Bangemann said. The warning came as Karel van

Miert, the competition commissioner, expressed pessimism about prospects for completing a restructuring plan, which already has been delayed about five months.

Speaking at the annual World

Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Mr. van Miert said, We could not get the necessary cooperation from governments and from the steel sector itself." He said he would meet with Eur-

ofer, the European steelmakers lobby group, to see what could be done to revive the program.

Under the commission's plans, private companies are expected to make the vast majority of the 30 million tons of capacity cutbacks that are needed to restore Europe's steel industry to health.

Private companies already have cut 5 million tons, Mr. Bangemann said. But private industry, most notably British Steel PLC, has criticized cutbacks in the public sector

The commission has pledged more than 200 million European Currency Units (\$223.4 million) to help retrain some of the more than 50,000 workers expected to lose their jobs in the restructuring.

Japan Hits European Wall Rover Is Latest Blow to Carmakers' Strategy

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - As the world's highest-priced and least efficient major car market. Europe was supposed to loom as easy and lucrative pickings for the Japanese, who are traditionally the lowest-cost and most efficient manufacturers. It has not turned

out that way.
In the aftermath of Monday's announcement that BMW would buy 80 percent of Rover, Honda Motor Co., which owns the other 20 percent of the British company's car operations, is left with the embarrassing task of scrambling to pick up the pieces of its European strategy. Honda is not

Nissan Motor Co., the Japanese car company with the biggest investment in Europe, had a loss of £200 million (\$300 million) in its Spanish operations last year and may yet post a small loss for the year in its far larger plant in Britain. Instead of taking the European market by storm from its state-of-the-art manufacturing base in Sunder-land, Nissan has had to scale back its production schedules. Nissan turned out 246,000

cars last year, below its target of 270,000. A spokesman said that this year output could fall to as little as 200,000 units. Suddenly the Japanese are looking vulnerable. Specialists long accustomed to talking in

reverential tones of the world's

By Lawrence Malkin

cancy opened Tuesday on the Fed-

eral Reserve Board, giving Presi-dent Bill Clinton further scope to

reshape the body that oversees U.S.

The board's vice chairman, Da-

vid W. Mullins Jr., 47, said he was resigning Feb. 14 to become an

investment manager in a new bil-

lion-dollar investment fund run by former employees of Salomon Brothers Inc. Mr. Mullins, who

monetary policy.

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NEW YORK - A second va-

ers are suddenly finding myriad reasons to fault their strategies. They all aimed at the same

segment of the market," said Garel Rhys, an auto industry expert at Cardiff Business School. He also noted that the Europeans who still dominate that segment for upper mid-sized cars, are doing anything but rolling over and dying."

Into that crowded European market niche, the Japanese are

They have taken the trouble to put plants in Europe and they have stumbled badly.'

Karl E. Ludvigsen, an antomotive consultant.

pouring Honda Accords, Toyota Carinas and Nissan Primeras to compete with such strong indigenous offerings as the Citroen Xantia, Ford Mondeo and Volkswagen Passat.

Just as the Japanese have geared up their assault, the European market has hit its worst sales slump since World War II. While the Japanese companies as a whole outperformed the market by posting a 13 percent slide

2d Vacancy at Federal Reserve

came onto the board in May 1990,

joins Wayne D. Angell, whose term ends next week, in leaving it.

The immediate effect on mone-

tary policy of Mr. Mullins's depar-

ture almost two years before the expiration of his term was unclear

but probably not decisive. For the

long term, the board will probably

be dominated by the same kinds of

mainstream economists, but with

more of a tilt toward promoting

most efficient auto manufacturin sales last year, compared with 15 percent for the overall industry in Europemarket as a whole, that slide comes on a low base, one upon which the Japanese had expected to rapidly expand.

"It is certainly a huge disappointment for them." said Karl E Ludvigsen, a former Ford Motor Co. executive who runs an auto industry consultancy. They have taken all the trouble to put plants in Europe and they have now stumbled badly.

Analysis say a large part of the problem arises from events in Japan and the United States. In Japan, car sales have been falling for two years: in America, the Japanese market share, after years of rapid growth, is now in decline in the face of strong competition from the American Big Three producers.

"The Japanese are under huge pressure to price their cars here as high as possible to be able to send profits back home. Mr. Ludvigsen said.

That desperation has deprived the Japanese of the tool of new market entrants everywhere aggressively undercutting the entrenched players on price in order to build up market share.

Pointing to the depressed state of the European auto market and predictions of more to come, a Nissan spokesman, Daniel Ward, conceded: "Our plan to achieve production in Britain of

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of the Brookings Institution in Washington, Mr. Perry recently de-scribed himself as concerned about

price stability but not, for example,

with the "tunnel vision" of the

Camdessus Hits **Criticism About** Russia Policy

By Thomas L. Friedman New York Times Service

WASHINGTON -The chief of the International Monetary Fund said Tuesday his institution was being made a "scapegoat" by Russia, the West and frustrated academics for the failure of the Russian economic reform program to make more progress.

In a feisty rebuttal to recent accusations that the IMF has been unresponsive to Russian needs, the managing director of the Fund. Mi-chel Camdessus. insisted his organization had bent over backward to maintain a constant dialogue with the various Russian governments. He said Russian leaders have 100

often been unwilling to impose the sort of basic economic reforms that would justify further IMF assistance and often showed up at meetings without even the most basic data needed to negotiate a loan. Recent critics of IMF policy in-

clude Vice President Al Gore and the Harvard University economist Jeffrey D. Sachs, a former adviser to the Russian government, published several recent criticisms of slow in mobilizing aid for Russia to

officials. The Americans vowed to keep closer track of progress in distributing economic aid to Russia and said the further U.S. response to events in Russia would be driven iota on its terms for Russian aid by three imperatives:

that Western-backed economic reform is not "all pain and no gain" by getting more concrete benefits • A a willingness to press ahead

Bundesbank. As a young economist he worked in the Kennedy programs aimed at grass-roots pro-White House, and one of his acagrams promoting capitalism and demic specialties has been the efdemocracy in towns and villages.

• A refusal to weaken the condifects of inflation on the economy. Robert E. Rubin, chief White House economic coordinator, said Tuesday that Mr. Clinton was

But Mr. Camdessus defended his organization's lough requirements. This is the latest of the criticism I hear about, and I see that criticism change according to the cir-cumstances," he said with more than a hint of exasperation. From time to time I ask myself: 'Which will be the next one in order to kill the scapegoat?' This is just unfactual. Full stop. We have been per-manantly in dialogue with the Russian authorities, both in Russia and here, taking every occasion to ex-

change information with them. "One of our frustrations is that in many, many occasions our invitation to the dialogue has been just turned down or the basic data which were needed to discuss seriously were just not provided" by the Russians, he said.

"How can you discuss the balance of payments of 1994, when you don't have the balance of payments of 1993?," he asked. "And when you don't have any clear readiness to take that as an urgent matter on the other side, I don't want to harshly criticize the Russian authorities. We are possibly too timid, risk-averse and just plain more knowledgeable than many because they just don't have the And on Monday, government of ficials said that the IMF had not met regularly enough with Russian met regularly enough with Russian have not worked with them, that is not the reality."

Mr. Camdessus said that the Fund would not back down one terms that he said have produced • A desire to prove to Russians results in countries all over the world.

The Fund has already extended \$2.5 billion to Russia but has held up the next \$1.5 billion promised until it sees steps to get inflation with \$4.1 billion in American aid down to the single-digit level.

But Mr. Camdessus said he was not optimistic. He pointed to statements by the new Russian government that it was ready to print more money to support inefficient more large-scale aid promised to state-owned industries and to tolerthe Russian government by the ate an inflation rate of about 20 Group of Seven industrial counpercent a month.

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McCann Goes Solo in Tokyo

By Steven Brull

nai Herald Tribun OKYO - When the U.S. advertising agency McCann-Erickson came to Japan in 1960, it had little choice but to ally with a Japanese company. Foreign companies were suspect, and a joint venture was key to hiring talented staff, opening a bank account and buying media time for the clientele, which included heavyweights such as Coca-Cola,

So last week, when McCann-Erickson an-Nestle and Esso. nounced it was buying out the 49 percent share held by its partner, Hakuhodo, Japan's second-biggest ad agency, the divorce marked a coming of age for America's leading international ad agency. It also was a rare example of a foreign company capitalizing on the recession in Japan 10 consoli-

capitalizing on the recession in Japan.

Propelled over the past 33 years by its multinational clients, who rank among the few hugely successful foreign companies in Japan, McCann-Erickson Hakuhodo has grown from an original staff of 13 to more than 500. Its 1992 billings of more than \$750 million made it the sixth-biggest ad agency in Japan, and first among McCann-Erickson's overseas operations, according to Advertising Age. McCann-Erickson is the largest component of Interpublic Group, the world's second-biggest advertising organization.

component of interpublic Group, the world's sec-ond-biggest advertising organization.

But, as in many international business partner-ships in Japan, McCann-Erickson's interests and those of Hakuhodo began to diverge as the foreign side sought greater independence.

"We need to go after Japanese clients to grow," said Koii Oshita, chairman of the company that

said Koji Oshita, chairman of the company that will be renamed McCann-Erickson Inc. in March. Foreign companies comprise about 60 percent of the company's billings but represent less than 10

percent of all ad spending in Japan, he explained.
Expanding its Japanese clientele meant going head-to-head with Hakuhodo. "We started competing more and more in making presentations," mother Japanese executive said. "It was quite

Last summer, Robert James, chairman of McCann-Erickson Worldwide, suggested the Japanese partner reduce its stake from 49 percent to 25 percent. One executive said Mr. James was an noyed by "a lack of contributions from Hakuhodo." The Japanese partner "took offense" at the suggestion and decided to get out entirely, the

executive said. Terms of the buyout were not disclosed. Terms of the buyout were not disclosed.

In the early days, the venture pioneered the use of Western advertising techniques in Japan. These gave valuable skills to Hakuhodo, which, with 1992 billings of \$5.1 billion, was the second largest in Japan and tenth worldwide, according to Advertising the Adv

ing Age.
But McCann-Erickson was less successful in helping Hakuhodo expand overseas.

McCann was so huge, it couldn't help many of
the smaller Japanese clients," one executive said,
referring to the period before Japanese corpora-

tions had become global powers. Although Sony Corp., Honda Motor Co. and other companies now spend large sums in overseas ad markets, they are apt to choose an agency through competitive bidding, rather than go with an untested referral. Key among the new concepts introduced by the joint venture was an expanded role for account executives, who stayed with a project from concep-

tion to end.

In the West, most companies enter into exclusive contracts. This allows for greater confidentiality and deeper involvement by the agency in over-See ADS, Page 15

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New Bids From QVC **And Viacom**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The two bidders for Paramount Communications Inc. each revised their offers for the entertainment and publish ing concern as a deadline for their best offers arrived Tuesday.

Viacom Inc., whose latest bid had the backing of the Paramount board, added securities to the second part of its cash-and-stock offer. QVC Network Inc., the cable shopping channel operator, boosted the cash portion of its \$10 billion-plus offer by about \$750 mil-

hon while cutting back on the stock in the second stage of its bid. Paramount shareholders will make the ultimate decision on which offer is better. They have until Feb. 14 to decide.
The companies announced terms

of their new offers at the 5 P.M. deadline that Paramount set in an effort to bring the takeover brawl to a close after nearly five months.

Under the new bids, Viacom left unchanged its offer of \$107 a share for 50.1 percent of Paramount stock while QVC raised the cash portion of its offer to \$104 a share from \$92 a share for the same

amount of stock. Paramount, which had closed at \$79.75 on the New York Stock Exchange, traded at \$81 a share after hours, dealers said. (AP, Reners)

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - A monthly report from U.S. purchasing managers that showed economic expansion but raised worries about inflation depressed stock and bond prices on Tuesday.

The National Association of Purchasing Management's monthly sur-vey showed manufacturing activity surged to a 57.7 reading in January

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from 57.1 in December. It was the highest since 58.2 in July 1988; readings over 50 indicate an expanding manufacturing economy. But the survey fanned inflation fears, with manufacturers' prices rising at the highest rate since November 1990.

Separately, the government said construction spending rose 2.6 percent in December, to a record rate of \$513.1 billion.

The bond market reacted most strongly to the inflation data, with the hellwether 30-year Treasury bond fall 1 2/32, to 99 4/32, where its yield was 6.32 percent, up from 6.23 percent on Monday. "There's a

feeling that the complacency about inflation may be unjustified," said

Bonds also were battered by the surprise resignation of the Federal Reserve Board's vice chairman, David Mullins. Hit abrupt departure unnerved investors worried that President Bill Chinton would appoint a replacement less commit-

companies from Lehman Brothers.

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"committed to the traditional independence of the Fed's role as the protector of price stability and the currency." The president, Mr. Rubin said, is seeking to appoint Fed governors "who will apply this with

tion wants to manage the economy with real discipline — that is, we don't want to have one of these roller-coaster things.

Among those mentioned for Fed

Foreign Exchange

governorships in addition to Mr. Perry are Alan Blinder, a former Princeton University professor who is now a member of the Council of Economic Advisers; Peter Kenen, a Princeton specialist in international monetary matters, and Van Doorn Ooms, a former Congressional economist now with the Committee for Economic Development, a business group.

A Republican appointee and former professor at Harvard Business School, Mr. Mullins was responsible for the day-to-day administration of the central bank and generally voted with Mr. Greenspan on the seven-member board.

He is joining Long Term Capital Management LP of Greenwich, Connecticut, which is run by John

Mr. Meriwether left Salomon in August 1991, later agreeing to pay \$50,000 fine and accept a three-

Michael Metz, investment strategist with Oppenheimer & Co.

ted to lighting inflation.
Tuesday's spike in interest rates served as an excuse for equity investors to sell stocks that have run up in value during the recent re-cord-setting rally. The Dow Jones industrial average [ell 14.35 points. to 3,964.01, and declining issues led advancers by an 11-to-9 ratio on

the New York Stock Exchange. Teléfonos de Mexico topped the most-active list of the New York Stock Exchange, up 1/2 at 73%. Interest in the issue has been spurred by an upgraded price target for it and other Latin American telephone

First Chicago Corp. rose 1% to 48%. A published report said it was a takeover candidate. (AP. Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

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month suspension to settle Securities and Exchange Commission charges that he failed to supervise employees working for him. Within Salomon Brothers, however, he was widely viewed as having done little

or nothing wrong.

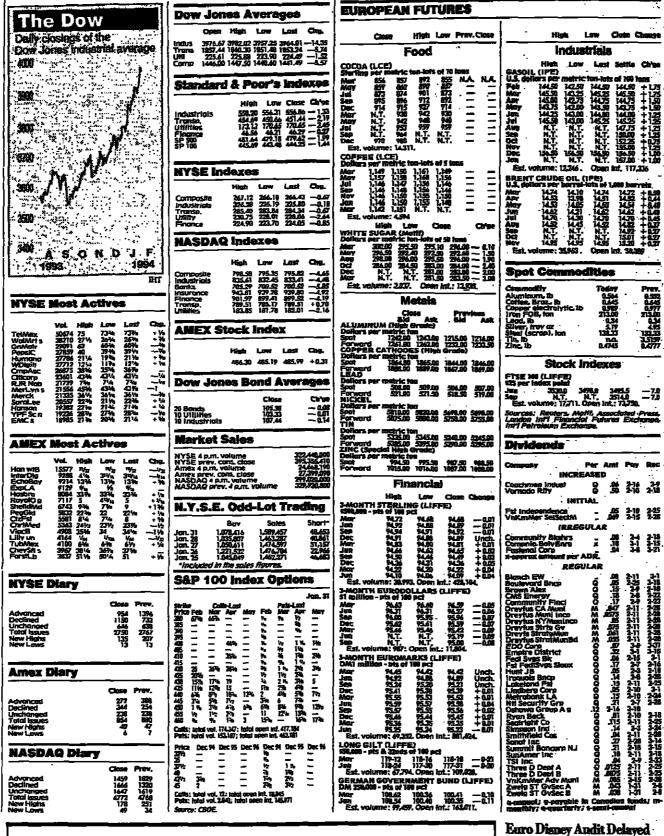
Neither Mr. Mullins nor Mr. An-Mr. Clinton said the administra- gell, an inflation hawk, will participate in the Federal Open Market Committee meeting Thursday and Friday that will start to shape this year's policy and help decide when interest rates again start to rise; the Fed chairman, Alan Greenspan, promised Congress on Monday that rates would would go up this year as the economy strengthens.

■ Dollar Off Its Lows

The dollar fell against most major currencies Tuesday but closed above its lows for the day, AFP-Extel News reported from New York. The dollar ended at 1.7310 Deut-

sche marks after 1.7342 DM at Monday's close and at 107.65 yen, down from 108.5. The U.S. currency slipped to 5.8775 French francs from 5.8850 and to 1.4485 Swiss francs from 1.4565. The pound feli, however, to \$1.5010 from \$1.5055.

Amy Smith, senior foreign exchange analyst at the IDEA consulting firm, said the dollar was initially unsettled by Mr. Mullins's resignation, "with dealers antici-pating that President Clinton will now be able to replace Fed governor Angell, and now Mullins, with people who are more dovish on inflation and interest rates."



Ferrari Courts China's Entrepreneurs

BELJING - Ferrari SpA, Italy's luxury carmaker, opened its first showroom in China on Tuesday. confident that entrepreneurs in this land lust like their fellow capitalisis everywhere for prestige and

Four such buyers already have emerged. One of

them bought a top-of-the-line Testarossa, spending \$700,000 by the time he had paid China's 150

percent car import tariff. Scores of Chinese gawked outside the new glassand-marble showroom. Rolls-Royce, Mercedes and other ostentatious brands already are doing well in China. A spokesman said Ferrari will profit handsomely if it sells just 10 to 15 cars a year.

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Panic Claims Victory at ICN

IRVINE, California (Bloomberg) — Milan Panic, the U.S.-based entrepreneur and former Yugoslav prime minister, asserted Tuesday that he had defeated a stockbroker's proxy fight to unseat him as chairman of ICN Pharmacon of the proxy of the

At the annual meeting, Mr. Panic said that of the 12.5 million shares voted—representing 62.5 percent of the 20 million shares outstanding—short of shout 90 percent voted to retain the current board and against the proposal by Rafi Khan, the broker, that the size of the board be reduced. ICN waged a 10-month, \$3 million legal and publicity battle to defeat Mr. Khan's attempt to elect a rival slate of six board nominees. In a letter to shareholders last month, Mr. Khan said Mr. Panic had "manipulated" to shareholders last month, Mr. Khan said Mr. Panic had "manipulated" the board "in single-minded pursuit of his own financial self-interest, and that the chairman's presence was hurting the stock price.

Mr. Khan said Mr. Panic received payments from ICN improperly while on leave from the company and serving as prime minister of war-torn Yugoslavia between July 1992 and March 1993. Mr. Khan said ICN improperly sold millions of newly issued shares of company stock at discounted prices to European investors, without telling shareholders.

lacocca Enters Merchant Banking

DETROIT (AP) — Lee A. Iacocca, the former chairman of Chrysler Corp., announced Tuesday that he had formed a financial firm to back business ventures, notably in the airline industry.

Iacocca Capital Group will be based in Los Angeles, where Mr. Iacocca moved after retiring from Chrysler on Jan. 1, 1993. It will arrange credit financing for ventures and hold equity stakes in them.

Mr. Iacocca, 69, will be chairman of ICG. Michael Klein, a Los Angeles investment adviser, will be president and William Elkus, president of Nathan Todd & Co., an asset management firm, vice president of ICG.

Among ICG's initial ventures will be new revenue sources for the airline industry. It is in talks to provide interactive video terminals to airline passengers. The project is designed to increase the options for passengers to watch movies, shop, play games or do other computer work

ICG and Jefferies Croup Inc., a securities trading house, formed a separate alliance, Iacocca Capital Partners LP, which do securities business from its Los Angeles headquarters and an office in Southfield,

Musto Seeks Injunction on Metall

TORONTO (Knight-Ridder) — International Musto Explorations Ltd. has alleged that Metall Mining Corp. and McLean McCarthy, a Toronto-based securities firm, had unlawfully used confidential data to solicit Musto shares, Metall said Tuesday.

Metall, 51 percent held by Metallgesellschaft AG of Germany, launched a hostile 232 million Canadian dollar (\$174.4 million) takeover bid last week for Musto. Musto has spurned the offer, and has instead signed an agreement with MIM Holdings Ltd. of Australia for the joint development of its Alumbrera copper-gold deposit in Argentina.

Metall said that Musto was seeking damages as well as an injunction preventing Metall from receiving further confidential information and from further interference with business relations between Musto and MIM. According to Metall, McLean McCarthy has said that it has not disclosed any confidential information on Musto to Metall.

Charges Give RJR a \$461 Million Loss

NEW YORK (Bloomberg)—RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp., which has seen domestic tobacco profits erode as a result of a price war in the industry, on Monday posted a loss for the fourth quarter after \$499 million in charges for restructuring and early debt retirement.

The food and tobacco giant said it had a loss of \$461 million in the fourth quarter, compared with net income of \$45 million a year earlier. Revenue rose 14 percent, to \$7.72 billion.

RJR took a charge of \$467 million to cover a restructuring plan under which the company will cit 6,000 jobs. The company also took a charge

of \$32 million related to early debt retirement.

• PepsiCo Inc. said fourth-quarter earnings, fueled by domestic business, rose 67 percent, to \$442.5 million, from a year earlier. (Bloomberg)

For the Record

AFP-Extel News

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which was to be presented on

Wednesday, has been delayed for

two weeks, sources said, and 60

creditor banks will get a progress report on Disney's planning propos-

by the banks before talks with Walt Disney Co. on a possible refinanc-

als instead. The audit was requ

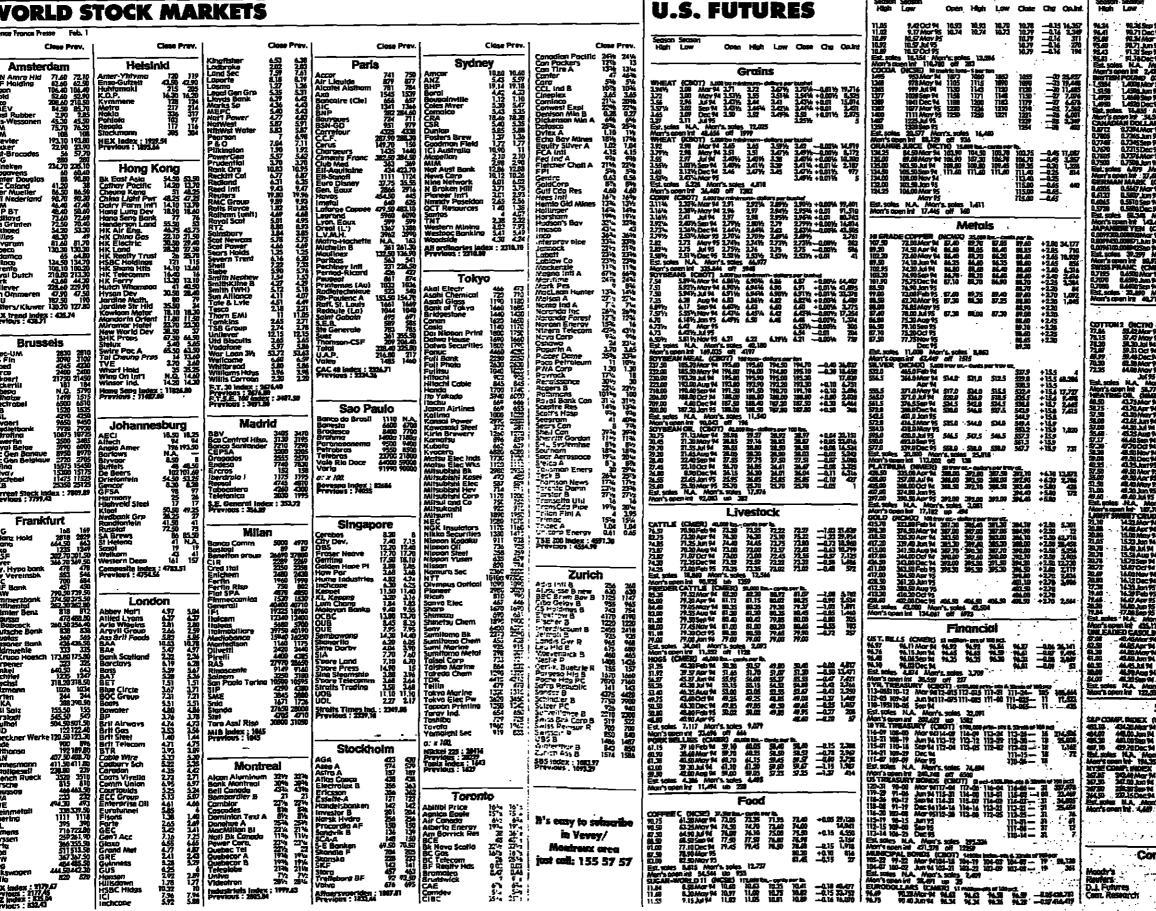
ing of its Euro Disney unit.

PARIS - An audit by KPMG

Sextant Avionique and Allied Signal Inc. have dropped their plan to set up a joint venture combining their avionics businesses, the French company said.

Eastman Kodak Co. said fourth-quarter 1993, profit had fallen 33 percent, to \$201 million, from \$299 million a year earlier. Sales were also down to \$4.54 billion from \$4.65 billion. down, to \$4.54 billion from \$4.65 billion. Johnson & Johnson said its net profit rose 9.1 percent, to \$335 million. in the final quarter of 1993, compared with the year-earlier period. (AFP)

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Lufthansa Takes A Step Toward **Privatization**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT — Lufthansa AG's supervisory board has agreed to make independent units of the airline's freight, ground services, technology and data-processing businesses ahead of privatization, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The decision was made in principle on Monday, the spokesman said. It would increase the number of units at Lufthansa to nine. But details still have to be settled by the management board, which answers to the supervisory board,

Texas Instruments **Drops Dresden**

MUNICH — Texas Instruments Inc. announced Monday it has dropped plans to set up a billiondollar plant to make computer chips in Dresden because Siemens AG is building a similar factory there.

The head of Texas Instruments' German subsidiary, Wolfgang Gloeckle, said the new plant would not be built in Germany. He added that he did not yet know where it would be located.

Industry sources said Texas Instruments canceled the project because it had been banking on receiving government subsidies from which Siemens will now benefit.

and in any case a disagreement over future responsibility for employee pensions has to be ironed out before legally independent units can be set

up, the spokesman said. "The aim will be to divide the group into smaller units or divisions which will be more marketoriented and easier to control," said a spokesman, Peter Höbel.

Lufthansa's management board will decide whether these or any existing unit will be spun off into separate companies, or whether they will stay as divisions within the parent, he said.

The reorganization is part of Lufthansa's efforts to get its house in order as it prepares for sale to the

That sale is being held up by the political squabble about paying for retirement insurance. Lufthansa personnel count as public employees and are covered by a statebacked insurance organization known as VBL, for Versicherungsanstalt des Bundes & der Länder. Once the government's stake in Lufthansa drops below 50 percent, staff will theoretically lose their status as public employees.

The problem is whether Lufthansa or the government should put up the money needed to fund the VBL pensions. Analysts calculate that up to 3 billion Deutsche marks

(AFX, Bloomberg)

Turkey's Bull Turns Tail **Did Leader Botch Currency Crisis?**

By Thomas Goltz

New York Times Service
ISTANBUL — Turkey's bourse was one of the world's strongest bull markets last year, charging ahead and tripling in value in dollar terms. And for a few days last month it looked like it would continue to roar along.

But two weeks ago, after the 69-stock composite index closed at a record high of 28,833.6, the bull reversed course and has been in a snorting, raging retreat. Since Jan. 14, the index on the Istanbul exchange has lost about a third of its value in dollars, closing Friday at 18,561.9. That is down 13

percent since Jan. 1.

Any market with an advance like Turkey had last year usually becomes a candidate for a collast year usually becomes a lapse. But a greater factor is the government's botched handling of a currency crisis, which sent cash investors to the American dollar. As a result, some short-term interest rates approached 200 percent and two rating agencies in the United States downgraded Turkish debt.

While brokers and traders said they believed the bottom for the stock index was about 18,000 points although the gauge sank briefly below that on Friday - no one is sure when the market will end its descent. But no one yet wants to call it a crash.

Prime Minister Tansu Ciller told parliament the Turkish lira would firm. But to calm the market she had to abandon her program of keeping interest rates low. She raised rates to defend the currency, which at one point had sunk to a record low of 22,000 lira to the dollar on the speculative

That was almost 30 percent less than the official ira-dollar exchange rate on Jan. 19 of 15,000 lira. By last Wednesday, Mrs. Ciller had finally given up defending the lira and had devalued the current cy by 13 percent — its first official devaluation

At the stock exchange here, major state-run banks, including Is Bankasi, began bidding up share prices to raise the slumping index, a process that continued at the end of the week as foreign

capital came bargain bunting. Still, no one is sure that the worst is over. "There is no confidence in the market," said Yavuz Tezeller, a dealer with the Form brokerage house. "Locals are waiting for some sign of an upturn before buying back in. Too many lost everything they made over the past three months to gamble right now."

In the United States, the Turkish Investment Fund, which trades on the New York Stock Exchange, has lost about 23 percent of its value since the beginning of the year. It doubled in 1993. Industrialists have been harshly critical of the government's handling of the crisis. Sakib Sabanci,

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whose Sabanci Holding includes the local Good-year Tire and Kraft Foods businesses, bitterly lashed out at Mrs. Ciller's economic team, accus-

"You won't get investments out of this program, only more inflation, inflation, inflation." he told a meeting of business leaders. Last year, inflation was about 70 percent.

Even Mrs. Ciller's erstwhile political patron. President Suleyman Demirel, had harsh words for the government's muddled response to the crisis. 'It doesn't take a genius to understand what the problem is — a massive excess in liquidity," he told the Hurriyet newspaper.

Observers say it was precisely this massive liquidity that caused the phenomenal jump in Turkish shares earlier this year. They say a deflation of

the market has been long overdue. If the activity on the trading floor last week was any indication, the correction is bound to be deep. Scores of young dealers were working their cellular phones, frenetically trying to rid themselves of inwanted shares while keeping a keen ear to the floor for future bargains.

"The party is over," one young dealer said. "It is high time that the euphoria of the last year gives way to a new realism."

Trading Resumes In Banesto

The Associated Press

MADRID - Stock traders on Tuesday got their first crack at Banesto shares since Spanish authorities fired the board of the country's fourth-largest bank five weeks ago. Shares in Banco Español de Crédito closed at 855 pesetas (\$6.07).

That was just 42.9 percent of the 1,995 pesetas share price on Dec. 28, the day trading was suspended and the Bank of Spain took control of Banesto. The stock opened Tuesday at 800 pesetas.

Traders said the stock probably closed higher than expected because investors were speculating that either Banco Santander or Banco Bilbao Vizcaya would take a major stake in Banesto.

The National Stock Market Commission announced Banesto's return to the market on Thursday after the Banesto chairman. Alfredo Saenz, provided preliminary details on the bank's 605 billion peseta financial shortfall and on plans to refloat the bank.

The stock market commission had suspended trading in Banesto to coincide with the Bank of Spain's decision to dismiss the bank's directors because of severe financial problems.

On Friday, the large Spanish banks agreed to support a plan in which Banesto will help plug the gap between its assets and liabilities with 244 billion pesetas in reserves and 49 billion pesclas in capital mustered through a nominal share price adjustment.

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Very briefly:

• Benetton SpA plans to raise 265 billion lire through the sale of up to 10 million shares at 26,500 lire each to U.S. investors.

United Newspapers PLC said its U.S. unit United Advertising Periodicals has bought Harmon Publishing Co. for \$100 million. Harmon publishes 216 local advertising periodicals in the United States.

• Bic Corp., the U.S. subsidiary of Bic Group, recorded a net profit last year of \$35 million, down from \$39.9 million in 1992. • LVMH-Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA said 1993 sales grew to 23.8

billion francs (\$4,02 billion), up 10 percent from 1992.

France and Saudi Arabia have reached three arms agreements worth about 9 billion francs, the French Defense Ministry announced.

French Plan Called Too Timid

PARIS - Prime Minister Edouard Balladur came under fire Tuesday from his own center-right coalition for economic measures judged too timid to reverse record

An official of Mr. Balladur's own Gaullist Rally for the Republic party, Jean-Louis Debré, belittled the government package to boost consumer spending and encourage job creation, which was unveiled

Sunday.
"Good, but could have been better," Mr. Debré told the newspaper Le Monde. "This does not correspond to the alternative policy we wish to see on employment." leader, Jacques Chirac, singled out ireatment" of unemployment.

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the absence of payroll-tax exemptions to encourage employers to create jobs and of measures to help

The package featured incentives to buy new cars, improve homes and encourage the creation of lowpaid service and security jobs.

Mr. Debre's barb echoed criticism by the Union for French Democracy, a junior partner in Mr. Balladur's coalition, and by the former prime minister Raymond Barre, now a legislator.

In an interview with the newspaper Le Figaro on Tuesday, Mr. Barre called for a radical change in

"Let us stop increasing selective exemptions from payroll deductions tied to complicated conditions which discourage small and medium-sized businesses from taking them up," Mr. Barre said.

Asked to explain Mr. Balladur's wide popularity despite record 12 percent unemployment, he said: People are looking for a bit of tranquility, they don't want waves.
The prime minister doesn't disturb people's tranquility and avoids making waves."

Trade unions, the Socialist opposition and many media commenta-tors derided the package on Monper Le Figure on Lace and the policy we point to the alternative policy we point to the alternative policy we shift to see on employment."

Mr. Debré, an ally of the RPR government's "costly homeopathic government's "costly homeopathic private economists praised it as a

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300,000 cars has been put back a year or two."

For Honda, which makes 50,000 cars a year at its British plant, and Toyota, which makes 100,000 units annually in Britain, the needed economies of scale are even further off. John Lawson, an auto analyst at DRI/McGraw Hill, estimated that manufacturers need to turn out close to 200,000 cars to begin to hit maximum efficiencies.

A Honda spokesman, Graeme Holt, noted that his company had benefited from its close collaboration with Rover, whose 200 and 600 models differ from the Honda Concerto and Accord, respectively, only in their external styling. Those models have combined sales of

roughly 300,000. Mr. Holt expressed pessimism about the future of that relationship, however, despite its essential economies of scale. "We do not want to have a collaborative agreement with

BMW," he said. The relatively puny production runs of the Japanese manufacturers in Europe also make it costly for them to introduce new engines or styling to freshen up a model's image —and sales —midway through its normal four- or five-year life

Mr. Lawson said the Japanese also erred by underestimating the political obstacles they faced in Europe. They had assumed free access to European markets for cars

made in the U.K.." he noted. While the agreement limiting Japanese auto imports to the European Union until the turn of the century does not cover those Europeanbuilt cars, the reality is that in France and Italy the Japanese have been forced to tread very carefully.

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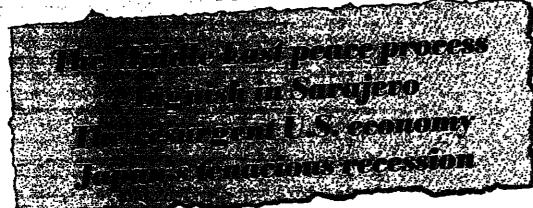
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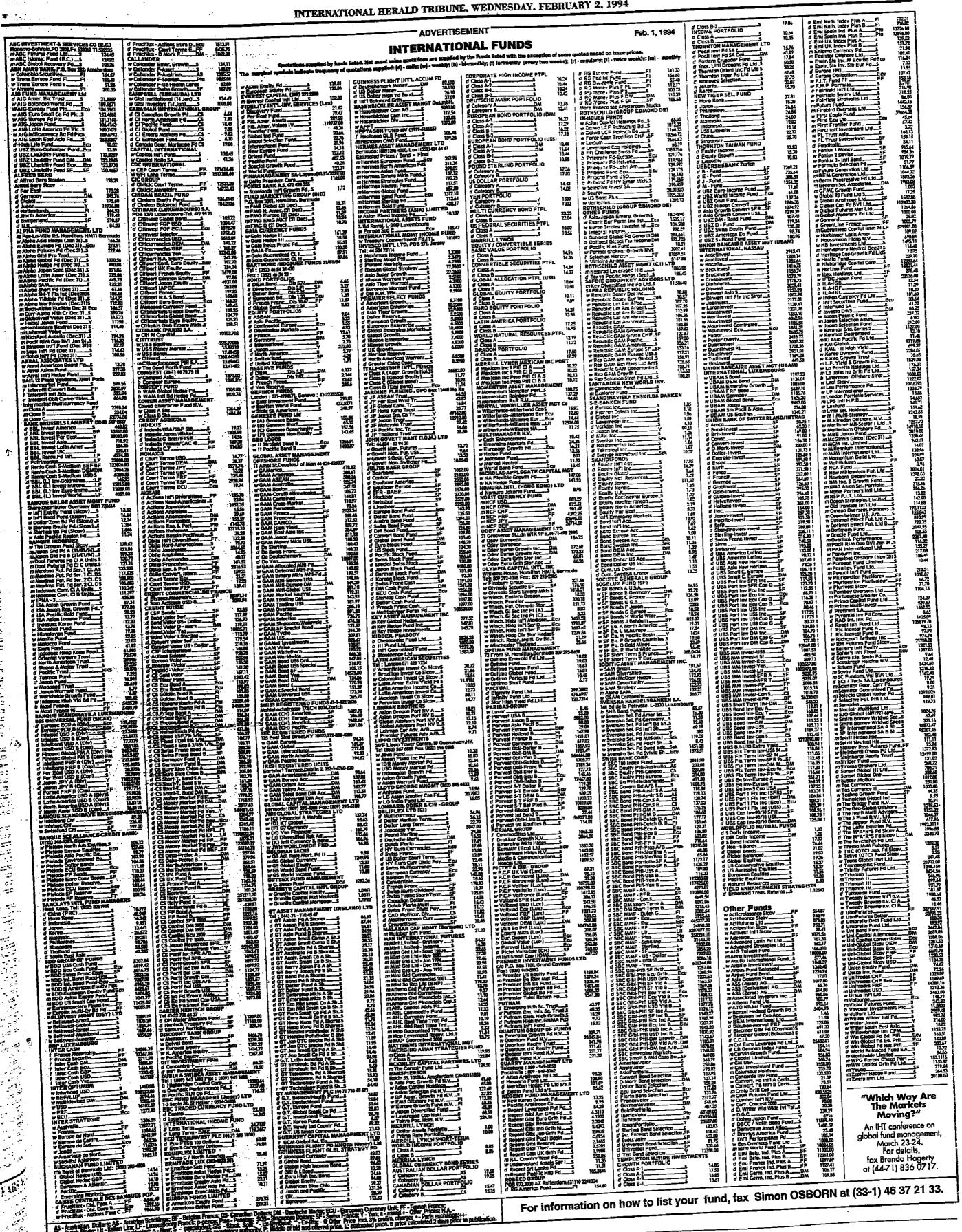
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Tax-Cut Prospects Keep Tokyo Stocks On Bullish Track

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Tokyo stocks resimed their rally on heavy volume. Tuesday amid persistent expectations the government would announce an economic stimulus pack-

age that included income-tax cuts. That announcement should come Thursday night, the deputy director general of Japan's Eco-nomic Planning Agency was quoted by the Jiji Tsushin-Sha

news agency as saying. Foreign investors are expecting the package to exceed 14 trillion year (\$127.39 billion) and include provisions for public works spending and loans to small businesses as well as the tax cuts.

The Nikkei-225 share index. gained 187.22 points, or 0.93 per-cent, to close at 20,416.34. On Monday, the Nikkei rose 7.84 percent, to its highest closing level

The broader Topix index of all stocks on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange gained 13.88 points Tuesday, or 0.85 per-cent, to close at 1,643.10. Volume was 950 million shares, up from the six-month average of 300 million

The communications sector topped the list of industry groups moving the Topix index, rising 2.82

Foreign investors, primarily from the United States and Europe, continued to be net buyers, snapping up materials-industry shares likely to benefit from new public works spending and telecommunication issues expected to gain on the development of a new fiber optic network.

NKK Corp., a major Japanese steel maker, and Mitsubishi Heavy inclustries Ltd., the country's largest heavy-machinery maker, gained amid heavy overseas interest.

"The whole scene has changed," said Robert Owen, manager of in-ternational sales at Schroder Securities. "People are aggressively discounting that this quarter is the last quarter of the recession and aggressively discounting the fact that the political situation has stabilized."

Japanese media have reported a split in the cabinet over the timing of an income-tax cut and a subsequent consumption-tax increase. But Prime Minister Morihiro Hos-okawa has requested a final decision on tax policy by Wednesday.

Whether Impanese investors will change their stance and buy stocks or will remain net sellers before the fiscal year ends in March remains to be seen, said Yuichi Matsushita, a strategist at Nikko Securities Co.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Being a No-Name Can Pay Taiwan PC Supplier Finds Right Niche

TAIPEI - Most people have never heard of Taiwan's First International Computer Inc., and that suits the company chairman, Ming Chien, just

Unlike the rival Acer Inc., which has spent millions trying to cultivate its brand-name identity for its personal computers worldwide, First International Computer has taken a less visible, but

Incrative, course. It has thrived as a supplier of so-called mother boards, the base of a computer into which micro-processors and hard-drives are attached. It makes therm for major manufacturers such as NCR Corp. and Unisys Corp.

That business accounts for 45 percent of the company's 11.8 billion Taiwanese dollars (\$445.7 million) in sales. First International hopes to repeat its success by supplying notebook-sized com-puters to manufactures that will in turn put their brand names on them.

The fact that First International has toiled in The fact that Pust international has better in relative observity has never mattered much. "If you buy a General Motors, Ford or Chrysler antomobile, do you know who makes the engine?," asked Mr. Chien. "I want to be the engine provider. I'll make an engine for you, you put in it your than the provider of the pust of

car, and you sell it to your customer." While an obscure player to the public, First International has won a loyal following among investors, increasingly from abroad. Through mid-January, foreign financial institutions had bought nearly 10 percent of the company's shares, the limit under Taiwan's rules.

During the past 12 months, the stock has advanced 35 percent, to about 70 dollars a share. One big reason why has been the company's strong

According to Wardley James Capel (Taiwan) Ltd., First International's net profit will soar by 39 percent, to 420 million Taiwan dollars during 1993. Sales rose 37 percent last year, to 11.8 billion Taiwan dollars, on brisk international demand for

"I strongly recommend them," said Michael Hung, an electronics analyst with Jardine Fleming ring, an electronics analyst with Jarume Fleming Securities. "They look very good for longer-term investors, especially over the next few years." Beyond that, things look more uncertain if First

First International Computer revels in its anonymity.

International continues to rely so much on a commodity item like mother boards. Without its own mounty item like mother boards. Without its own proprietary products, First Internatinal is vulnerable to new suppliers offering cheaper components. So the company is trying to win a following as supplier of notebook computers and make some invoids into the business of testing integrated circuits the business of accounter. circuits, the brains of a computer.

Yet it is hard to argue with the company's profit record, analysts said. The risk of launching a brand-name product in the already brutal personal computer industry is high. Given that prospect, being a profitable no-name is not a bad way to go.

"There's no point for Taiwan companies to promote their own brand for products like PCs. You're going to spend a lot of money on setting up distribution channels and have to go head-on in competition with companies like IBM or Compac," said Ben Chen of Baring Securities.

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lish-language newspaper, the East-ern Express, made its debut Tues-

day in Hong Kong, entering a crowded media market that is

growing anxious for its freedom as Chinese rule approaches.

The new paper is a broadsheet with photos in color like its older

competitors, the South China

Morning Post and the Hong Kong

Standard. It is owned by Oriental Press Group Ltd., publisher of the Oriental Daily News, Hong Kong's best-selling Chinese daily.

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Hong Kong To Speed **Transfers**

Bloomberg Business News HONG KONG - The Hong Kong Monetary Authority intro-duced a plan on Tuesday to speed up the movement of money through

the territory's banking system.

The authority, Hong Kong's quasi-central bank, said that in order for Hong Kong to maintain its competitive position as an international financial center, its system of payment transfer between banks must be faster and more efficient.

An average of 216 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$27.7 billion) moves through the banking system every day, up 66 percent since March, according to the authority's executive director of monetary management, Norman Chan.

Under the current system, individuals or institutions wanting to pay creditors ask their banks to transfer the money to the creditors' accounts. If the payment request is made on a Monday, for example, the transaction will be completed or settled, by 10:15 A.M. on Tuesday. In the time between, the receiving bank is exposed to "settlement risk' because it will essentially extend credit to the payce until the payment is completed.

The Monetary Authority is recommending that money transferred between banks be available immediately after it is received. This "instantaneous settlement' will eliminate settlement risk-

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• Gnangzhou Investment, a China-backed conglomerate in Hong Kong, plans to raise 1.03 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$132 million) in a private sale of 340 million new shares for 3.025 dollars each.

South Korea's trade deficit widened to \$1.47 billion in January.

 The Australian government raised its forecast for growth for the fiscal year ending June 30, to 3.5 percent from 2.75 percent. MIM Holdings Ltd. of Australia will pay \$130 million to Canada's International Musto Exploration Ltd. to participate in the \$600 million development of the Alumbrera mine in Argentina.

Japan's Labor Ministry said the average worker's income rose 0.4 percent, adjusted for inflation, to 393,000 yen (\$3,600) last year.

• Showa Denko KK will cut its work force by 900 jobs, or 15 percent, in the next three years; the chemical company said that in calendar 1993, it had a parent-company net loss of 23 billion yen due to compensation payment over a U.S. lawsuit for its amino acid product, L-Tryptophan. Reuters, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, AFX, AFP

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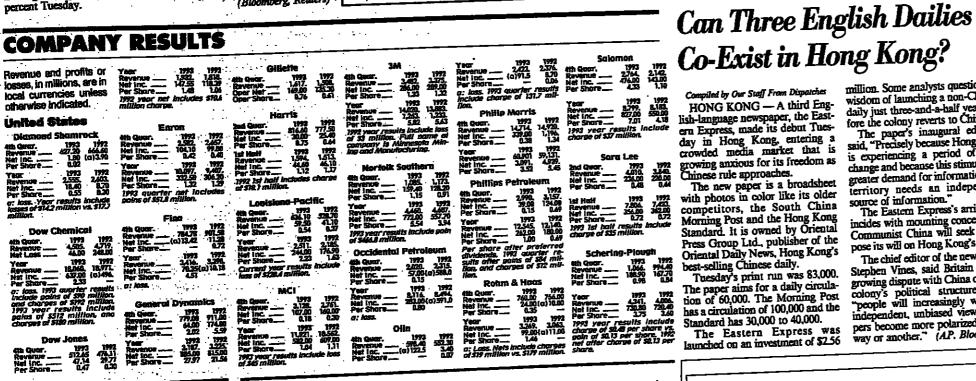
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insiders said their presence was a source of bickering between the parent companies.

But others predicted that Hakuhodo's departure would allow McCann to overhaul a Japanese style salary grid that rewards workers more for seniority than merit. That could create new problems.

"I'm apprehensive because most Japanese were attracted to the company only because of the Hakuhodo connection," one insider warned. "Things have changed, but ing multinational clients' desires there's still lots of xenophobia for a coherent global brand image, among Japanese."



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Who Can Stop Cowboys? The Other (Dollar) Bills

By Mike Freeman and Frank Litsky New York Times Service

ATLANTA - After the Dallas Cowboys left the field, still the champions of the National Football League, they met in the locker room for one last time this season,

They held hands, said a prayer, and then Jimmy Johnson, amazingly, left the room without saying a word to his players. The coach had television interviews to do.

Receiver Michael Irvin said that, after Johnson departed, he looked at the other players around him and wondered if at the beginning of next season, the same people would still be by his side.

It is a valid question. Free agen-cy, it seems, is about the only thing that can beat Dallas. The dollar bill will make a better go at it than a Buffalo Bill.

team in NFL history to win backto-back Super Bowls, which means it is only one Super Bowl victory away from doing something no three straight. If they could do that, the Cowboys are a dynasty.

know that we did something that very few teams have done and that's win back-to-back Super man. "And if we're able to keep all so at least there is some continuity, then I think we've got a chance to the San Francisco 49ers. do some special things in Dallas.

"But it's hard to say with free agency. It's hard to say who is go-ing to take off for the money. You know there are a lot of guys who deserved to be paid, and hopefully we'll be able to keep them all, but it will be tough."

The Cowboys definitely have all the pieces to make another run next season. The New York Giants, the San Francisco 49ers and the Philadelphia Eagles are teams that can give the Cowboys a fight. But right

keep up with them.

I'm quite sure once we get back in the swing of things, once the dust settles, we'll start thinking about three-peat," said running back Em-

Of the 1,680 players players on team rosters at the end of 1993, the National Football League Players Association expects there will be 499 unrestricted free agents this year. All have played in the NFL at least four years and their contracts have all expired.

On Feb. 18, those players can sign with any team, no holds barred. On the same day, 155 restricted free agents - those with three years in the league and whose contracts have expired — can also sign, but their old teams can match those offers.

Many pros will move for money. Some, like tailback Lorenzo White and linebacker Al Smith of the Dallas has become only the sixth Houston Oilers, may move because they are getting less playing time. The unrestricted free agents include cornerback Deion Sanders of the Atlanta Falcons, wide receivers Tim Brown of the Raiders and An-

thony Miller of the San Diego Chargers, linebackers Rickey Jackson and Renaldo Turnbull of the New Orleans Saints, tight end Eric Green of the Pittsburgh Steelers Bowls " said quarterback Troy Aik- and the National Football Conference's three Pro Bowl guards our guys in place and go into next Nate Newton of the Cowboys, season with the players we have now Randall McDaniel of the Minnesota Vikings and Guy Mcintyre of

> free agents, including cornerback Nate Odomes and offensive linemen Howard Ballard and John Davis. The Philadelphia Eagles' two best remaining defensive players are available, and their agent, Jim Solano, wants big money for each -\$3.7 million a year for end Clyde Simmons and \$3.3 million for out-

side linebacker Seth Joyner. For the Cowboys, the biggest problem may not be on-field oppo-nents but their own egos. At his

has the overall talent and depth to if individuals began putting them-keep up with them. if individuals began putting them-selves ahead of the team, then the

He might heed his own words. since it is Johnson who continues to float hints about his interest in coaching the NFL expansion team in Jacksonville, Florida.

Other than Johnson, the Cowboys' biggest problem will be re-taining key players who will bestarting five offensive linemen are in that category, as is fullback Darryl Johnston, who throws many key blocks for Smith. Standout linebacker Ken Norton

also will be courting offers from other teams, while defensive back James Washington already seems to be soliciting offers. Washington, who scooped up a fumble and returned it for the game-tying touchdown against the Bills, said after the game that he would love to play for the Los Angeles Raiders.

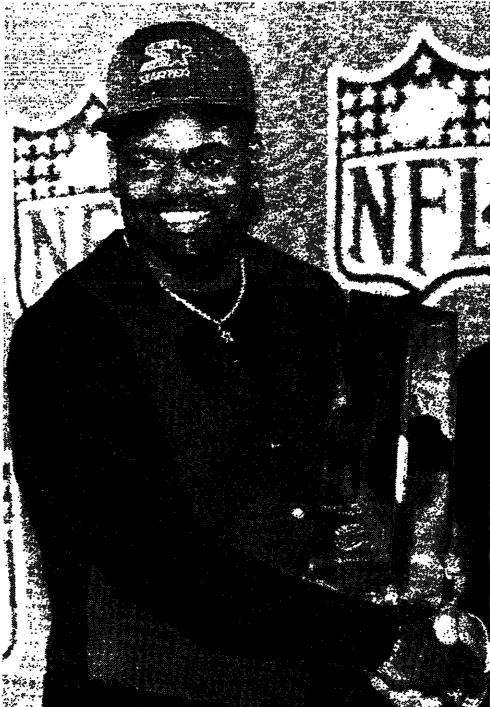
The Cowboys have 19 unrestrict-ed free agents. Backup quarterback Bernie Kosar will probably leave, kicker Eddic Murray and fullback Johnston will probably stay and defensive tackle Tony Casillas will probably test the market.

Then there is the offensive line, where the Cowboys could lose Newton, center/guard John Gesek, tackle/guard Kevin Gogan and center Mark Stepnoski, all fulltime or part-time starters. Wide receiver Alvin Harper is a restricted free agent, and the Cowbovs will probably match any offer he re-

Smith said it was important to keep the team intact, and said he felt that the Cowboys, and their to accomplish that.
"But with Jerry Jones," he said,

laughing, "you never know what the heck he is going to do." "It's one year at a time." Smith

said. "It's kind of premature to say what kind of team we're going to have next year. I know one thing: we'll have Troy, we'll have Michael, and I'll be back."



Emmitt Smith, his latest MVP trophy in hand, is now without peer as an NFL running back.

Go or Stay, Johnson Faces Big Choices

A TLANTA — For the Dallas Cowboys to emerge as the first three-hotton line. Their

In all the fantasy about a Cowboy dynasty, the reality is that the offensive coordinator, Norv Turner, is about to be named the Washington Redskins' coach, that five of Emmitt Smith's blockers (fullback Dary) inston and linemen Nate Newton, Kevin Gogan, Mark Stepnoski and John Gesek) will test the free agent market along with linebacker Ken. Norton, and that the coach, Jimmy Johnson, is restless.

Ever since whispers surfaced that the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars were hoping to lure Johnson for their first season in 1995, the Cowboys' coach has tap-danced through his answers.

"I get intrigued with things," Johnson was saying Monday when asked about the Jacksonville situation. "You want to share things with people. I'm fine right now in Dellas. Some of the Jackson are like family to me. I'm fine right now in Dallas. Some of my players are like family to me.
It'd be really hard to leave that family."

But at no time has Johnson said that he wouldn't leave. Maybe it's all contract talk. Maybe in joining Vince Lombardi, Don

Shula and Chuck Noll as the only coaches with back-to-back Super Bowl Vantage champions, Johnson wants more mon- Point

or from the Cowboys' owner, Jerry
Jones, than the \$1 million a year he's getting through the 1998 season. But
maybe Johnson, who coached at the University of Miami before joining
the Cowboys in Jones' takeover in 1989, really wants the challenge of building an expansion team. "I get antsy, I get bored, and I do like a challenge," he said last week. "I

"I get antsy, I get bored, and I do like a challenge," he said last week! went to Arisansas, but the University of Miami is my school."

Johnson's heart still seems to be there. During last week's rainy raw weather, he kept talking about the palm trees in the Miami area. And after the Cowboys' 30-13 stampede of the Bills, he said: "I just want to get on my boat in Key Biscayne and do some scuba diving."

It's enough to make you wonder if his hairdo gets wet when he's

It's enough to make you wonder if his hairdo gets wet when he's underwater. It's also enough to make you wonder if Johnson might also be thinking about the Dolphins' job when Shula, now 64, eventually decides to stop coaching. Especially now that the one-man sports conglomerate, J. Wayne Huizenga, has arranged to purchase the Dolphins. Whatever Johnson does, chances are he'll still be coaching the Cowboys next season, but he'll need to hire a new offensive coordinator. "I don't want to downplay Norv's importance," Johnson said Monday with his casual cockiness, "but we'll be O.K. I said the same thing with Dave Wannstedt a year ago."

T HEN THE COWBOYS' defensive coordinator, Wannstedt moved to the Chicago Bears as head coach. Johnson installed Butch Davis

as defensive coordinator. "But mytime you miss a key person like Nory," tight end Jay Novacek said, "a person that ran the offense, a person that made us do what we did, you're going to miss that."

Whoever the new offensive coordinator is, he will need time for the

offensive players to believe in him as strongly as they believed in Turner.

Emmitt Smith, quarterback Troy Aikman and wide receiver Michael Irvin are signed and sealed for next season, but if the Cowboys lose some i of those offensive linemen to free agency, the same holes might not be there for Smith, the same pass protection might not be there for Aikman. In the first year of the National Football League's salary cap at around \$34 million, Johnson mentioned.

that his assistant coaches will concentrate more on assessing expenweeks than in scouting college players for the annual April draft. "It would be very difficult for a

rookie to make an impact." Johnson said, "whereas a free agentcked the field goal."

What's next for Smith? He said he wants a staposition where we might lose a free agent. We have room under the salary cap to sign the players we have and go out and sign some free

But whenever Johnson and Jones. talk about their relationship, there's a chill in the air.

In the Super Bowl type, an Apex sports equipment television commercial showed Johnson driving along a dusty road and stopping to pick up a few Cowboy players bitchhiking to the Super Bowl. Down the road, in the next scene, Jones has his thumb up but Johnson drives by.
One of the players asks, "Wasn't that ...?" But Johnson keeps driving ... as Jones waves the dust away.

"Jerry had the idea for not picking him up," the coach explained with a tight smile. "I guess he wanted to make the commercial as real-, 4 istic as possible."

For Super Bowl MVP Smith, 'There Is So Much More to Definitely Come

By Thomas George

New York Times Service ATLANTA - Emmitt Smith clenched the Super Bowl XXVIII most valuable player trophy at the news conference in his honor. You knew that the sparkling, sterling silver trophy was in sure

It was easy pickings for Smith — the handoff came from Paul Tagliabue, the National Football League's commissioner - and he handled it as gracefully as he had the 30 handoffs and four passes from Troy Aikman in the Dallas Cowboys 30-13 championship victory over the Buffalo Bills.

Seemingly always selfless about his work, Smith thanked his offensive linemen and his other teammates, particularly safety James Washington, who had a big game of his own. Sure, Smith said, Washington easily could have been the Super

"He had the game of a lifetime," said Smith. who also received a new car as part of the MVP prize. "James can drive the car anytime he wants." Smith wanted us to know that this will be a season he will always remember. Certainly, when we think of him now, it is one that we will not

forget.
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He ought to go straight from Atlanta to Las Vegas and roll the dice. He rushed for 132 yards and two touchdowns

and gained 26 more yards on catches on Sunday. He did not fumble in the 34 times he handled the

The Bills' Thurman Thomas was not as productive. Thomas finished with 37 rushing yards and one rushing score on 16 carries plus 52 yards on seven receptions.

He fumbled twice, the first leading to a Dallas field goal in the first half. The second, 55 seconds

into the second half, was scooped un ton and returned 46 yards for a touchdown and Smith won the battle against Thomas and now

he stands alone atop all backs in the NFL. Barry Sanders, Barry Foster, Ricky Watters? None of those players can touch him in postseason production and in Super Bowl rings. It has been quite a ride for Smith, age 24, 5 feet 9

inches (175 centimeters) and 209 pounds (95 kilograms), who is in only his fourth season from the University of Florida.

"Emmitt is such a great football player," said Jimmy Johnson, the Dallas coach. "Twe tried to analyze why he's so good. He's the best northsouth runner I've ever seen. He gives you subtle

moves but he's still always headed toward the goal line. There is no wasted motion.

"When we were evaluating him for the draft, they said he didn't have great speed. He made 50yard runs, 65-yard runs, 75-yard runs and he was playing against some of the best football players in the country. I didn't want to hear anything about speed. The guy is a performer. And he has as much pride as any football player I've ever been

Pride. And toughness and character. That sums

He fought for a big contract through training camp and through the Cowboys' first two games both losses — before finally reaching terms.
 The Cowboys' owner, Jerry Jones, and Johnson believed their team could win big without Smith. He proved both wrong.

And because of that pride. Smith has put the ugly contract negotiations behind him but has said that he will never forget the turmoil he suffered; turmoil from Jones that Smith felt was unjust.

Even after last year's Super Bowl, Smith predicted that he would have to fight for his value and that the Cowboys did not fully appreciate him. He predicted that Aikman would sign more easily than he would and did not understand the dispari

ty in treatment between quarterback and running

He was right. But all he did was come back, not sulk and play through pain, including a leg injury in November and a separated shoulder in the regular-season final against the New York Giants. That victory clinched the NFC East title and

zined Dallas home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. That game may forever be his signature game, even more than this Super Bowl. Smith and Aikman now join a long, impressive list of Super Bowl winners who featured a dominant

back coupled with a sturdy quarterback, which is a required formula to win the championship. Harris and Bradshaw. Craig and Montana. Csonka and Griese. In fact, Smith joins Csonka as the only backs to rush for 100-plus yards in consecutive Super Bowls.

Smith's teammates view him as a constant source of inspiration. Once the Cowboys had gained a 13-13 tie, they went ahead on Smith's 15yard scoring run. He ran on seven of eight plays in that third-quarter drive and gained 61 of Dallas' 64 total yards.

And then, late in the game, with Dallas at the Bills' 1-yard line and facing fourth down, he scored to make it 27-13 and sealed the victory.

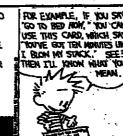
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us all on one heck of a ride."



"The only reason we went for that on fourth

down is because we had Emmitt," Johnson said.

"If Emmitt had not been in there, we would have

2,000-yard rushing season. Five or six more Super

have a lot of room to grow as a football player and as a person," Smith said, "My high school coach

once told me that if you're satisfied, you're through and there is nowhere else for you to go."

Obviously, it was a lesson that stuck.

Smith said that no one individual is bigger than

On Super Bowl Sunday, no Cowboys star shone

the unit on the Dallas Cowboys. That may be true,

but judging from the way that Dallas struggled without him and soared with him, his performance

as brightly as Smith. He was, truly, an impact

player. In his absence at the start, he was a focus of

this NFL season. Present at the end, he was still

"Emmitt makes this team go on the field and behind the scenes," said offensive guard Nate

Newton. "We've got great players, but everybody

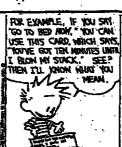
latches onto Emmitt in some way and he has taken

speaks much louder than those words.

"There is so much more to definitely come and I

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Bowl rings would be nice.





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Ex-Husband Implicates Harding in Pleading Guilty to Attack

PORTLAND, Oregon — The former husband of Tonya Harding pleaded guilty on Tuesday to his role in the attack that knocked Harding's chief rival, Nancy Kerrigan, out of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Jeff Gillooly, 26, struck a plea bargain in which he confessed to a racketeering charge in exchange for his testimony implicating tharding in the Jan. 6 clubbing of Kerrigan. Under the agreement, Gillooly will serve 24 months in a federal prison and pay a \$100,000 fine. Sentenceing was set for April 1.

Speaking to reporters later, Gillooky's lawyer, Ronald H. Hoevet, urged Harding to admit her role in the plot.

"Denial is no longer plausible." Hoevet said.
"The truth about this bizarre crime has now

He said Gillooly's message to Harding was that "he hopes she will do what he has done."

Before the attack, Hoever said, Harding per-sonally obtained the name of the rink where Kerrigan practiced and gave the approval for

"When the assault had not taken place by New Year's Eve, Tonya became upset," Hoevet said, adding that she had complained "that no one seemed to be able 'to do this thing for her." Hoevet said that after Harding arrived in Detroit for the championships, she personally obtained Kerrigan's room number and practice

schedule and forwarded the information to her imsband, who supplied it to the attackers.

Hoever said Gillooly and Harding lied to authorities in Detroit when they were ques-

tioned following the attack. He said Gillooly and Harding had concected a cover story about the assault.

In court, Hoevet told the judge that Gillooly had participated in a conspiracy "that included Tonya Harding" and the three other men who have already been charged.

Prosecutors said Kerrigan and her family to disrupt Tonya Harding's life and destroy her vere informed of the plea bargain and supported the district attorney's efforts.

Gillooly was accused of asking Harding's bodyguard, Shawn Eckardt, to send alleged hitman Shane Stant and alleged getaway driver Derrick Smith to Detroit to club Kerrigan on the knee, knocking her out of the national

Harding went on to win the championships, along with a spot on the Olympic team. Kerrigan was named to the other women's figure Hoevet said investigators had gathered evi-

dence that included telephone records, bank

records and videotapes to back up Gillooly's

In a statement issued Tuesday before Gillooly entered his plea, Harding again denied the accusations and called them evidence of "a continued practice of abusive conduct intended

The couple divorced last summer, but then reconciled and were living together at the time

Harding continued to train before hundreds of onlookers at the shopping center where she

Last week, Harding denied any advance knowledge of the attack and said she did not learn until days later that people close to her were possibly involved in it. She has not been charged.

The Mulmomah County deputy district attomey, Norm Frink, sought and received an extension Tuesday from the court on the grand jury report due Thursday. He said there was the possibility of more

Also Tuesday, a special committee of the U.S. Figure Skating Association was to meet to consider whether to recommend removing Harding from the team.

On Monday, the U.S. Olympic Committee included Kerrigan and Harding on the team that will compete at the Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway,

Michelle Kwan, 13, was named an alternate. The Games begin Feb. 12, but the roster can be changed as late as Feb. 21. The women's figure skating competition begins Feb. 23.

Mike Moran, spokesman for the U.S. com-mittee, said Tuesday that it would be inappropriate to comment on the day's events.

Gillooly told authorities that he and Harding began planning the attack in early December after she finished fourth at a competition in Japan and feared that judges at the U.S. championships would hold it against her.

"They viewed Kernigan as the clear favorite, the fair-haired girl," Hoevet told The New York Times on Monday night.

"They thought what happened to Tonya in Japan was politics and that would hurt her in

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Gillooly reportedly contended that Harding agreed to pay Eckardt \$2,000 to get the plan rolling.

Hoevet said that it was unlikely that Harding's guilt or innocence would be established before the Games begin and that he hoped Gillooly's story would force her removal from the team for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"It would be unconscionable if she would be allowed to stay on the Olympic team," he said. In another development, Nike Inc. an-nounced it had given Harding \$25,000 to defend her position on the team,

"What we object to is that all Americans are presumed innocent until you are proven guilty unless you are a great athlete," said Nike's chief

The Good Deal

ONDON — It is approaching 20 years since the brazilian of Havelange won the FIFA presidency through the expedient of wooing Africa's 42 member countries, who, in 1974, accounted for a ONDON - It is approaching 20 years since the Brazilian João

Havelange traded with the Africans: their votes in exchange for representation, resources, recognition. Two decades on, the result has been a mixed blessing of progress and problems for African soccer.

To put it mildly, some of Havelange's presidential machinations have put favor before grace. He has encouraged dubious as well as progressive tendencies. Profit moves him more than propriety. Yet as the old dinosaur prepares to seek a sixth four-year mandate carrying him towards

his 80s, no one can say he and Africa have failed one another.

Ghana and Nigeria are major players on the world junior stage;

Cameroon gave Italio 90 soul and adventure; and Issa Hayatou, a Cameroonian, sits as a FIFA vice president.

African soccer as a whole is still very much trying to find its footing. How could it be otherwise where the priority is often survival? But out of poverty, out of Africa's vast open spaces, come natural talents. Skill never was, never will be, the product of coaching. No matter how many badgebearing, Coca-Cola funded tutors FIFA sends out, it is the sun, the freedom, the time, the fascination of a ball, that nurtures creativity What flows from Roger Milla and his Cameroon pals at a World Cup

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has its origins in the child's playing hour after hour, with a makeshift ball free of the danger of being run down by machines or computer games. So thanks, Mr. President, for bringing Africa out to play. The continent-needed only a supply of footballs and an open invitation to remind us of

the phrase, free expression. Twenty years ago, it was easy for Havelange to midge aside the old scholar Stanley Rous, the FIFA president who—just like an Englishman—tended to treat Africa (and, for that matter, the next fledgling soccer continent, Asia) as colonial outposts. Sir Stanley somewhat alcofly thought it right and proper that emerging countries advance in their own

way, own time. Havelange's quid pro que accelerated the process and, with breathtaking speed, Cameroon caught up England.

At the 1990 World Cup, some wild Cameroonian shooting let England off a host of chances, and undisciplined tackling presented England with two penalty goals. So the English won, 3-2. But this summer Cameroon,

not England, will be again playing in the World Cup.

The Indomitable Lions of Africa are long in the tooth, and Cameroon is less likely to bite deep into U.S.A. 94 than the powerful Nigerians. But one old Cameroonian has history in his sights. Albert Roger Mooh Milla, 42 more or less, wants to be the oldest swinger in town, the oldest ever

моци слбіц -OME YOUNGSTERS reckon that is unfair, that while he lazed through his third "retirement" they earned the chance to tilt at glory by toiling away in qualifying rounds. And Cameroon's new coach, Henri Michel, might share the players' notions of democracy, but it was the country's president, Paul Biya, who personally asked the old lion to

Mills began his comeback last weekend for Tonnerre Yaounde. He played the full 90 minutes, he scored the last goal of a 2-2 draw against played the full 90 minutes, he scored the last goal of a 2-2 thaw against league leader Canon, and 75,000 people roared approval. Some critics suggested that age betrayed him, that he lost the ball a few times. Age? It's there to be defied, it's just another myth, like the track records that Westerners believed were man's limit until Kenyans and their like ran

through the barriers, scarcely noting their existence. Milla has three gifts. One is imagination, another is the eye and aim of a wild cat, the third is the inclination to rest his body for the in-between

years, coming out fresh and imagry for the big ones.

If he really wants it, who is going to stop him trying? Besides, it isn't like George Foreman returning to the ring fat and 40 and putting brain cells at risk. All Milla is putting on the line is his reputation. If only all things African were so clear cut. Soccer there mirrors life pretty much as it does elsewhere —hence Stefen Tataw, Cameroon's right

back and captain, was dragged out of his car and beaten about the head by four thugs a few days before last year's Cameroon cup final. Tough guy Tataw played, and starred. But as much as enlightened men try to open up African soccer,

some evil threatens it. The National Soccer League of South Africa is beset by those hir-ing foreigners under false names. Worse, Ivory Coast and Ghana have been indefinitely suspended from all Confederation of Africa club competitions because matches between the two nations' clubs trigger stoming, looting, rapes and killings. This may be sport used as an excuse by criminals and extremists, but Nigeria, Africa's big hope for U.S.A. 94, last week showed the

volatility there.

FIFA, furthering the Havelange wish to keep easing the way toward a World Orp on African soil, granted Nigeria the 1995 world under-21 championship — the first major international soccer event in Africa. Less than 24 hours later, an armed gang broke into the FA headquarters in Lagos, shot a chanffeur and stole two cars, one owned by a chub president, the other by the chief of the company promoting the Nigerian team at the 1994 World Cap.

The readiness of Africa to stage events is some way behind the development of its players to step into top European professional leagues. Havelange and his Coca-Cola initiative have thus far helped make Alrica's sons fit for export, But the infrastructure is more dependent on the folks back home, on the stability and progress of nations. But do not doubt that the old Brazilian — conserving energy as cunningly as Roger Milla, restricting himself to the odd, vindictive show of strength such as barring Pelé from the World Cup draw will hang around for the next decade it might take Africa to win,

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then maybe host, a World Cup.

Reb Hughes is on the staff of The Times.



Tonya Harding, hitting the boards before a borde of photographers, fell six times during a workout.

Record 10 Bids for 2002 Winter Games

The Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — A record 10 countries have bid for the right to stage the 2002 Winter Games, the International Olympic Committee said Tuesday. They are Alma Ata, Kazakhstan; Graz, Austria; Jaca, Spain; Ostersund, Sweden; Poprad-Tatry, Slovakia; Quebec City, Quebec; Salt Lake City, Utah; Sion,

witzerland; Sochi, Russia, and Tarvisio, Italy. Salt Lake City, Jaca, Ostersund and Sochi are bidting for the second straight time. Salt Lake City, narrowly defeated by Nagano, Japan, in the bidding for the 1998 Olympics, is the current favorite for 2002. The IOC, which will select the host city at its session

in Budapest in June 1995, said the record interest in the 2002 Olympics confirmed the appeal of holding the Winter Games and Summer Games in separate years. This month's Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, mark the beginning of a new cycle in which the Winter and Summer Games are staggered every two years. The next Summer Olympics will be in Atlanta in 1996, followed by the Winter Games in Nagano in 1998, and

the Summer Games in Sydney in the year 2000. Ten bids, however, may be viewed with alarm by some officials. The IOC's president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, has been seeking to streamline the bidding process to reduce the costs and travel involved.

from practice. His jumping has never been the

In Albertville, France, in 1992, the Finnish phenom formed a newfangled V with his ski tips and nervelessly rewrote the record books by winning two gold medals and a

silver in ski jumping at age 16. But next month in Lillehammer, Norway, there will be no more precocious heroics. At 18, Nieminen is a far cry from the fearless, focused athlete who dominated in France. and Sunday in his hometown of Lahti, he failed to make the Finnish Olympic team.

Competing in his national championships, Nieminen finished 25th out of 46 jumpers on the normal hill and could do no better than 20th in the large hill competition, which - just to add insult to ignominy -- was won by his 16-year-old

"I think for me, the winter is over," a dispirited Nieminen told the Helsinki newspaper Hufvudstadsbladet. It's no use to talk about the Olympics. What I am doing right now has little to do with ski jumping. From this point, nothing would have changed much in guys who can jump should go to the Olympics."

"At this moment, we simply can't trust Toni," said Kari Yuliantula, coach of Finland's ski jumping team. "He makes one good jump and then the next one is bad. Physically, he is in very good shape. fast and too icy for women. The problem, I think, is mental." fast and too icy for women.

The problem is hardly new. Ski jumpers in Finland are accorded the same status as pro football stars in the United States, and the vast majority of the Scandinavian nation was glued to its television sets in 1992 when Nieminen became one of the youngest male Winter Olympic gold medalists in history by anchoring Finland to victory in the team competition.

Two days later, he won on the large hill to become the youngest male gold medalist in an individual

Returning home, he was swamped at the airport by adoring young fans. He quickly moved on to dating an older woman, endors- to die in competition or training. ing a myriad of products, and, most controversially, driving a new

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sports car that had been given to the Olympic team, but Niemmen's him by a sponsor.

By Christopher Clarey
New York Times Service
PARIS — No winter Olympian Because Nieminen was only 17 and the minimum driving age in ever flew so far so young as Toni Finland is 18, he was given special permission to drive the car to and

> same since, in part because his competitors have grown increasingly comfortable with the V style that he was one of the first to master. Ranked only 67th in the World

> Cup standing this season, Nie-minen did not even compete in the prestigious four-stop Springertournee and spent the month of January desperately searching for some semblance of his previous form in national competitions.

A good performance Sunday

half-hearted jumping quickly ended the debate.

"Everywhere it's the same kind of story, not only in Finland," Yulianttila said. "It's not very easy to handle when you are 16 years old and have everything. The whole nation was on their knees before him. He got money, cars, the whole

His younger brother apparently will not suffer the same fate. Despite Sami Nieminen's surprising victory Sunday on the large hill, he will not be one of the five Finnish immers at the Olympics because he has no World Cup or European Cup points.

But, he said, "I have plenty of might still have saved him a spot on time for the big competitions

Moser-Pröll, Kronberger **Want Ski Speed Reduced**

VIENNA -- Ever-higher speeds are making the women's World Cup downhill races too dangerous. according to former Austrian ski champions Annemarie Moser-Proll and Petra Kronberger.

Commenting on Austrian television after the death of their compatriot, Ulrike Maier, both Olympic gold medalists said Monday eve-ning that some downhills were too

"Only a handful of women can master them, the rest look bad," Moser-Proli said.

Kronberger, who has quit World Cup skiing, suggested that speed should be reduced in favor of enhanced safety, arguing that this would have no effect on the attractiveness of the sport for spectators. In a televised panel discussion. experts in the sport were asked to comment on the fact that there had been "more deaths in skiing in the

past few years than in Formula One motor racing."
Maier, who died after breaking her neck Saturday during the Garmisch-Partenkirchen downhill in Ba-varia, was the 13th skier since 1959

The former Austrian women's team chief, Raimund Berger, said

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safety measures had improved markedly in recent years but there was no way to avoid "gaps" in piste

He said it was perhaps time to consider a step back from ever fast-er races. At points in some down-

hills, women racers are clocking speeds of over 130 kph (80 mph). "I wonder if the super-G and the downhill are not clashing with each other," Berger said. "As the super-G gets faster and faster, the downhill is practically obliged to get

more spectacular. The super-giant statom was introduced as a separate World Cup discipline in the 1985/86 season and as an Olympic event in the

1988 Calgary Games. Berger said it was not speed in itself but curves and jumps that

made racing attractive. He raised the possibility of combining the super-G and downhill for women into a single event. The suggestion was supported by Kronberger. Speaking of the

mounting pressures in the sport, she said the Swiss champion Vreni Schneider had been unfairly labeled a coward when she decided not to race in the 1992 Albertville Olympic downhill after teammate Sabine Ginther suffered a bad fall in training.

SIDELINES

Rugby Cup Alternative Sites Picked

LONDON (AP)—Citing concerns over security, rugby union officials named four possible alternative venues Tuesday for the 1995 World Cup in case the political situation in South Africa deteriorates.

Officials said Japan, Britain, France and Australia-New Zealand were

on standby to host the event, scheduled for May and June of next year.

"Obviously there are difficulties in organizing a World Cup in South Africa soon after a period of fundamental change," said Ewart Bell, chairman of Rugby World Cup. "The three crucial months will be April, May and June 1994."

No. 20 Missouri Beats No. 3 Kansas

COLUMBIA, Missouri (AP) - Melvin Booker led a balanced attack with 16 points, all but two in the second half, as No. 20 Missouri took control of the Big Eight Conference with a 79-67 basketball victory over

The Tigers (15-2, 6-0) ended a six-game losing streak against the Jayhawks (19-3, 4-2) and took a two-game lead in the conference in the only game involving ranked teams Monday night. Kansas has won the conference regular-season championship the last three seasons.

Chisox Sign Ventura for \$20 Million CHICAGO (AP) - Third baseman Robin Ventura and the Chicago

White Sox avoided an arbitration hearing by agreeing on a new four-year contract worth \$20,725,000, which includes an option year.

Ventura, 26, won his third straight Gold Glove at third base last

season. He also barred 262 with 22 home runs and 94 runs batted in. Bo Jackson, who turned down an arbitration offer from the White Sox to become a free agent, has signed with the California Angels for \$1 million, with incentives that can take it to about \$2 million.

For the Record

in Inglewood, California.

Konishiki, who became the first foreigner to attain the sumo rank of ozeki, or champion, has been granted Japanese citizenship, the Justice Ministry said. That opens the door for the Hawaiian, 30, to start his own training stable when he retires. Dennis Couner will not take part in the fourth leg of the Whitbread

Round the World Race to Punta del Este, Uruguay, his co-skipper on U.S. yacht Winston, Brad Butterworth, amounced in Anckland, citing Conner's business commitments. Five Indonesian athletes tested positive for steroids at the national games, officials said. They were female swimmer Catherine Surya, female cyclist Alvi Dwiningrum and male cyclists Ronny Yahya, Dadang Haris

and M. Basri; Surya, 13, could become the world's youngest banned

The Los Angeles Memorial Collseum, damaged by earthquake, may have to be demolished and rebuilt, officials said. (LAT) Terry Yorath, fired as the national team's manager at year's end, said he will sue the Welsh soccer association for wrongful dismissal. (AFP)
Genaro Hernandez of the United States retained his WBA junior lightweight title by stopping Jorge Ramirez of Mexico in the eighth round

against Paul Hodkinson of England on March 12 in Cardiff. (AP)

son of Wales is to defend his WBO featherweight title

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Mantle Enters Alcohol Clinic

New York Tunes Service

NEW YORK - Mickey Mantle and Pat Summerall are longtime friends, former star athletes in their 60s with different backgrounds and education but one common, destructive vice: alcohol.

Two years ago. after Summerall could not complete his announcing chores at the Masters golf tournament, friends and family persuade abuse. He reluctantly agreed to enter the Betty Ford Center, the clinic in California for a 33-day stay and has been sober ever since.

Mantle entered the clinic last week. A statement issued by his business manager said Mantle had had a 43-year battle with alcohol and has suffered from memory loss and blackouts for six years.

"I was the friend who intervened." Summerall said Monday. "We've had a number of long, tearful talks," he said. "There were a lot of similarities between us. If I hadn't been there, and hadn't told bim how familiar I was with the center, he wouldn't have gone."

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By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — At this time last year feminists had the nation alerted for an onset of wifebeating. Statistics, they said, showed an alarming rise in this crime at Super Bowl time.

Afterward other people produced statistics that showed the feminists' statistics were nonsense. All this showed once again why. when statistics are being passed around, smart people say, "I'll just have coffee, thanks." I don't know

who was right.
Like so much news nowadays, the story was almost all build-up and practically no follow-up. If somebody studied the police reports after the Super Bowl the actu-al count of wife-beatings has been buried so deep by the media that I can't find them. Can this silence be prima facie evidence that the feminists are admitting error?

in media manipulation: a tendency not to push your big horror story Columbus Day horror story — the a 15th-century European, hence tic Coast breed. morally unfit to deserve remembrance by a people as morally supenor as ourselves.

In 1992 it was a really big story: by 1993, dead. Last Oct. 12 came and went so peacefully that it seemed Columbus Day might survive another 500 years.

As for the Super Bowl, I'm skeptical about its power to make men beasts. It always drains the beast right out of me and leaves me se-dated rather than roaring. Of course Super Bowi games are fam-ously dull. If there were a Super Bowl every day, no American would ever need a sleeping pill.

Sportswriters keep trying to ex-plain this phenomenon, but there are nonathletic reasons that require no locker-room savoir faire to grasp. For one thing, here in the East it

is always scheduled for 6 P. M. on a Sunday, Six P. M., whatever the day, is the hour at which the human why healthy people use it to nap.

It is also why television stations use 6 P. M. for their local news shows: They know a 6 P. M. audiceive that a procession of body

bags is a shabby substitute for a real news report.

Among the drinking classes, the human spirit's 6 P. M. despair is so notorious that 6 P. M. is designated "the cocktail hour," or — with cru-el irony — "the happy hour." Whatever they call it, their impulse is to escape that lowest hour of the spirit by using a drug that depresses

the central nervous system.

Awful as 6 P. M. is on the other six days of the week, it's deadly on Sunday. At that hour all of Friday's foolish dreams for the weekend have either materialized or failed. Doesn't matter which. All that looms is Sunday night: all those crooks on "60 Minutes," all that Buttafuoco-and-Amy-type rot on the networks, all those Englishmen on PBS, and then - Monday!

The ingredients for putting husbands in the swinish vein would seem almost impossible to assemble at 6 P. M. on a Sunday. And Maybe it just reflects a new trend it's only 3 P. M. in California," let's remember that at game's end it is 6 P. M. even in California. What's more, if it has been the customary bore, California husbands will be shocking news that Columbus was even more sedated than the Atlan-

> It was said last year that the brutal violence of televised football brings out the latent brutish instinct of the wife-beater. That, if his team loses, his roused juices move him to make his wife pay for his disappointment. That, even if it wins, his pleasurable experience of violence has been so vicarious that he feels a need to taste the real

I speak now as an expert tele-vised-football viewer. It's true that a tense game, such as the Super Bowl usually isn't, involves the couch potato in a lot of violence. Watching the tube, I often catch

myself flinching, twisting, grunting, groaning, suppressing a cry of agony as tons of bestial linemen pile onto my magnificent passing

After such a game, admittedly not often played in the Super Bowl, I'm too exhausted to scold an infant, much less lift my hand to a woman. For another thing, an afternoon like that leaves you ishamed enough already.

New York Times Service

Mike Leigh: Improvising Inspiration

Washington Part Service
NEW YORK — Most movies — particularly American ones — come at you with their turning points and climaxes precharted, and heroes and villains clearly delineated. But the British director Mike Leigh, whose films spring out of a unique method of improvisational collaboration

with his actors, eschews such predictability.

In his internationally known works, such as "Naked," "Life is Sweet" and "High Hopes," events seem to unfold of their own accord. The effect is a fusion of post-"kitchen sink" realism and good old well-timed comedy. The possibilities seem as unpre-dictable and serendipitous as life. Leigh is small in stature, and only the gray flecks in his beard betray his 50 years.

Leigh, who stands at the forefront of a critically acclaimed group of British-based directors that includes Derek Jarman, Terence Davies and Peter Medak, says, "My ongoing preoccupation is with families, re-lationships, parents, children, sex, work, surviving, being born and dying. I'm totally intuitive, emotional, subjective, empirical instinctive. I'm not an intellectual filmmaker. Primarily my films are a response to the way people are, the way things are as I experience them. In a way, they are acts of

taking the temperature."

If so, "Naked" is the most likely to crack the glass. In an era when sexual roles have become so acutely examined, this modern allegory full of disturbingly rapacious en-counters drew fire at Cannes, where Leigh nevertheless took the director's prize -- and

David Thewlis the actor's award. In "Naked," hyper-intelligent drifter Johnny (Thewlis) has a genius-level knowledge of Western philosophy and theology, but he's an illiterate in his dealings with women. As soon as he seduces them, he turns verbally savage and physically abn-sive. Far worse than Johnny is Jeremy (Greg Cruttwell), a loathsome landlord who builies women into sex, treating them throughout with misogynistic disdain.

How much the women participate in their victimization has been the main bone of contention. Leigh is angry at those who have concluded that, by portraying a misog-ynist, the film actually is misogynistic. He points approvingly to two critics, Georgia Brown and Amy Taubin of the Village Voice, who have reviewed the movie with

unequivocal enthusiasm.

Leigh considers their reaction "the serious, mature feminist position, that I'm delighted with, that has no problems with the film at all. There's another kind of reaction, which is annoyed by the film because it shows women being weak — Why aren't the women shown more positively? — all that stuff. To be honest, I feel that's kind of naive. The film plainly is neither porno-



Leigh's films are as unpredictable and serendinitous as life.

graphic, nor is it a celebration of male

"I would also question how much rape there actually is in the film. I would argue that, whilst in no way, obviously, does one condone any kind of rape, every situation that's shown is of people who are there by

choice for whatever sad reasons."

Leigh remembers a "happy and sad" childhood in Salford, near Manchester, in the late 1940s, "where you would have eight or nine flick houses within walking dis-tance." His first movie was "Pinocchio," but as a child he was raised on a diet of Michael Powell, John Ford, Billy Wilder and Preston Sturges. However, at some point in his moviegoing youth. Leigh re-members thinking: "It would be great if we could have people in films like people really

His parents were middle-class Jews -- his father was a doctor — in a working-class neighborhood, so Leigh, who went to "very

working-class schools," moved between two social classes. In 1960, as a "17-year-old little fat boy," he passed up college, to his parents' horror, for a scholarship at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. Although he learned a lot, he says, "we never actually investigated anything real from life. It was all about churning out received

ideas of performance."

He studied theater design, went to art school and attended the London Film School. He had a brief, unsatisfying period with the Royal Shakespeare Company, a minor career as a bit actor, and tried writing in the mid-1960s. But, he says, "I really didn't get a buzz out of the solitary nature of writing, I was fascinated by directing, I wanted to make films, that was clear." In 1965, when Leigh became an associate director at the Midlands Art Centre in Birmingham, he began working improvisa-

tionally with teenage actors. After further refinement in drama workshops and experi-

style in which he gave performers free rein, within his guidelines. When he embarked on his filmmaking career in the early 1970s, he brought the method with him. In his films, Leigh casts his actors with

mental theater, Leigh honed a directorial

only a general sense of the characters they will play - or the story they'll be in. In extensive one-on-one conversations with his performers, those characters are further defined. Leigh then makes the actors (who very often have not met each other yet) interact in small improvisational encounters. During this period of fine-tuning, read-justment and open-ended experimentation which lasts for up to four months scenes are completely worked out. Then the script is "written" and the crew invited to embark on the latest Mike Leigh film. His first film, the 1971 "Bleak Moments"

(financed by Albert Finney), about a woman who has to look after a mentally impaired sister, won the Golden Hugo at the Chicago Film Festival. In 1972, he made "Hard Labour," a downbeat working class drama featuring a young Ben Kingsley as an Indian cab driver, for the BBC when the British film industry was alive and well

and hiding out in television."

The next 10 years was Leigh's formative period, what he calls a "brilliant, fantastic" time in which he made his dramas with no questions asked and a firm TV airing date. Hard Labour" also marked his first meeting with actress Alison Steadman, whom he married soon after. A brilliant comedic performer, she has appeared in eight of his

Working for the BBC for 10 years, then depending on the support of independent television station Channel 4, Leigh's output in the 1970s and "80s was prodigious. There have been more than 40 works for stage and

"It's very stimulating to work with him," says Thewis — but it isn't easy. "You work until the early hours of the morning, without any predictability. You're never able to make arrangements in your social life. Sometimes you will be required to wait by the phone - and if an improvisation by other actors requires your character to be-brought back, the assistant director will call up. He tells you to warm up, and go to such and such a place. It's a bit like being a

Thewis became, in his own words, "real obsessive, hyperactive and frustrated" in

the role of Johnny.

Asked about Thewlis's dedication, Leigh says he discourages complete role immer-sion as "unhealthy." But he acknowledges that his creative process "takes you over." "I think I suffer from that too," he said. "For six months you don't go out, you don't eat, go to the movies, socialize — 14 hours round the clock, day in, day out." **PEOPLE**

Questioning Gets Rough In the Marla Shoe Case The lawyer defending a man ac-

cused of stealing shoes from Maria
Trains attacked her character in court, asking whether she had been a "kept woman." Canck Jones's lawyer, Anthony Morosco, also used ins immendo-laced cross-examination to suggest that Trump concocted the shoe theft to force Jones to return photos of her in the buff. Jones, who was her publicist, is accused of stealing dozens of is accused of stealing dozens of pairs of shoes, underwear, photographs and other items from her apartment. When reporting the thefts to the police, Trump said some "family photographs" were missing "Would you include under the subject of 'family photographs, unde photographs of you taken by your married lover?" Morosco asked. "Sir, he wasn't married at that time," Trump replied. Donald Trump, who was divorced from his Trump, who was divorced from his previous wife. Ivana, in 1992, was married to the former Maria Maples in December.

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Meg Ryan and Tona Cruise will receive this year's Hasty Pudding awards. The Harvard theater group honors those who make "a lasting and impressive contribution to the world of entertainment."

Princess Gloria von Thurn and Taxis of Germany broke her right arm on a ski vacation in Colorado.

Sophia Loren will be honored for her life's work with an honorary Golden Bear at the Berlin Film Festival, which begins next week.

And the No. I reason David Letterms hikes working for Laurence Tisch, chairman of CBS: Tisch Tisch, chairman of CBS: Tisch "promised to fix me up with Angela Lansbury." At a dinner honoring Tisch for his philanthropy, Letterman, who signed a \$14 million contract with CBS last summer, pulled out one of his trademark Top 10 lists. Among the items on it: "You get to meet Mr. Excitement himself, Vice President Al Gore," and Tisch "decided to pay my salary instead of "decided to pay my salary instead of bidding for NFL football."

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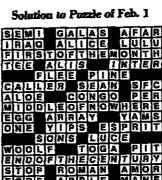
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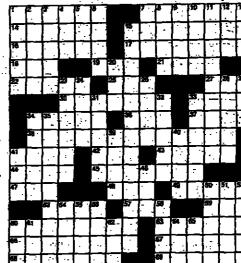
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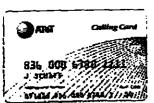
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